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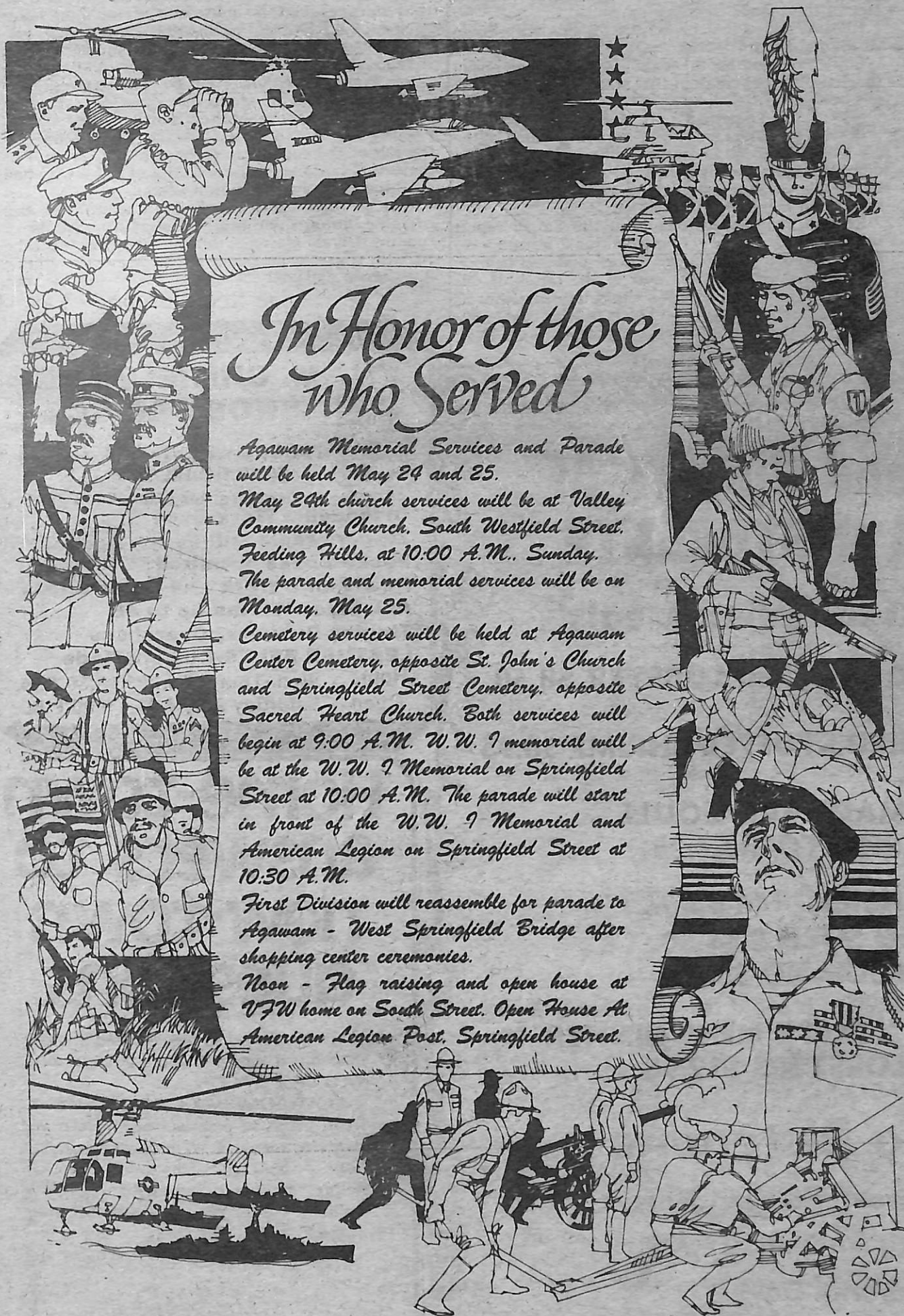
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Memorial Day Services Highlight Town Calendar



In Honor of those who Served

Agawam Memorial Services and Parade
will be held May 24 and 25.

May 24th church services will be at Valley
Community Church, South Westfield Street,
Feeding Hills, at 10:00 A.M., Sunday.

The parade and memorial services will be on
Monday, May 25.

Cemetery services will be held at Agawam
Center Cemetery, opposite St. John's Church
and Springfield Street Cemetery, opposite
Sacred Heart Church. Both services will
begin at 9:00 A.M. W.W. I memorial will
be at the W.W. I Memorial on Springfield
Street at 10:00 A.M. The parade will start
in front of the W.W. I Memorial and
American Legion on Springfield Street at
10:30 A.M.

First Division will reassemble for parade to
Agawam - West Springfield Bridge after
shopping center ceremonies.

Noon - Flag raising and open house at
VFW home on South Street. Open House At
American Legion Post, Springfield Street.



VFW member Adolph Netkobic and Veterans' Agent John McCarthy at the Springfield Street Cemetery honoring a grave of one who served his country. Photo by Jack Devine.

By Jeanne Hofmann

Throughout most of the country, Memorial Day is marked by parades, and speeches honoring the dead, and the decoration of graves. The most notable formal ceremonies are held at the Tomb of Unknown Soldier in Arlington, Virginia, and in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, scene of the great Civil War Battle.

Rooted In Tradition

Our traditional Memorial Day is rooted in the Civil War. Even before the fighting had ended, women in many Southern communities began the practice of bringing flowers to the graves of soldiers who died south of the Mason-Dixon line.

Many communities in the United States claim a "first" in this celebration. One such town is Boalsburg, Pennsylvania. The story goes that one Sunday in 1864, Emma Hunter was placing flowers upon the grave of her father, who had died in the Battle of Gettysburg. She met a Mrs. Meyer who was paying the same tribute to her son.

They must have found mutual comfort and inspiration in the grief they share, because they agreed to meet the next year and decorate every soldier's grave with flowers. This became an established custom which soon involved the entire town.

Other observances took place throughout the South in the first years following the Civil War. By 1867, delegations of women from both North and South were decorating the graves of those who died in battle. Military and political leaders soon realized that the nation was larger to pay tribute to their fallen dead, and in 1868 General John A. Logan, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, ordered that May 30th be established as a day to honor these men.

A special ceremony was held in Arlington National Cemetery. Ulysses S. Grant attended, and General James A. Garfield was the main speaker. He said in part... "We do not know one promise these men made, one pledge they gave, one word they spoke, but we do know they summed up and perfected, by one supreme act, the highest virtues of men and citizens. For love an country they accepted death and made immortal their patriotism and virtue."

More States Joined In

As time went on by, more states joined in making the day a holiday, and as history repeated itself with more wars, it became an occasion for honoring all who died in service to the nation. Each new war was hoped to be the "war to end all wars."

Each new war brought grief to families who lost loved ones, as well as a need to share the hope that their sacrifices were not in vain. Historians tell us that the celebration of Memorial Day following the two World Wars helped heal the wounds of the Civil War, and united the nation once again.

This Memorial Day, as we gather to honor those who died for our country, we can share the hope that the occasion will rekindle in all of us the spark of patriotism, which is the historical essence of the holiday.

In recalling the words of Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address... we can renew our commitment that... "this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth."

Council Delays Dept. Head Hike

By Stephen Gazillo

In a surprise move, Town Council has voted to delay action on pay increases for the town's 28 administrative supervisors and department heads.

Table Until June

At their regular meeting Monday night in the Public Library, councilors voted 12-1 to table until June 15 the second reading of an ordinance that would restructure job positioning of non-union employees and grant minimum 5% increases that would cost the town \$55,000 to implement.

Town Manager Richard J. Bowen, who two weeks ago saw the first reading pass 12-2, said he was stunned by the council's latest action on his proposal.

The ordinance was put before the council on May 4 after a \$9,600 consultant study by Yarger Associates of Falls Church, Virginia indicated that some municipal department heads were paid less than those with similar positions in other communities.

Bowen asked for pay increases for department heads last November but saw the proposal fall to defeat.

"I'm stunned by the council's reactions tonight," Bowen said. "I've been asked no questions during this thing. This was not thrust upon you. The thrust is simple: we're talking about equal pay for equal work."

Councilor Richard Therox, who voted favorably on the first reading but has since decided to study the matter more, responded to Bowen's reactions, stating, "I'm not questioning your professionalism. The problem I see here is not one of professionalism, not one of Yarger vs. the council vs. the employees, but what the people of the town are willing to pay for various services."

Councilor Donald Rheault, one of the two councilors to vote against the ordinance at the first reading, said he was disappointed with the Yarger report because of the disparities in the pay increases. "In good conscience, I don't see how anyone can support this ordinance. I'm not sure where the money to fund the increases would come from," he said.

Councilor Alfred Trehey recommended that the council approve an across-the-board increase of \$1,300 to the department heads and forego the other proposed, three department heads may possibly have a higher salary than the town manager."

Councilor Paul Paleologopoulos said he saw difficulty with across-the-board increases. "We paid professionals to make a survey of job positioning. There have been no increases for these people since last July 1. I would like to see some sort of combination of raise and positioning, but I can't see taking it all in one fell swoop," he commented.

Herd stated that a workshop session would be needed before the council meeting in June to iron out problems councilors are having with the ordinance.

Councilor Walter Kerr asked Bowen to bring in the consultants from Yarger to the workshop session so that councilors would have a chance to question the parts of the study.

One councilor, who refused to be identified, said the first reading of the ordinance passed because "no one had studied the Yarger report."

According to Rheault, the Yarger pay structure shows a disparity in increases from \$550 for a foreman to \$7,000 for town treasurer over current salaries.

He said he based his calculations on the assumption that each department head would remain in the same step of their grade classifications.

Rheault added that he confirmed this with Town Accountant Carol Taylor.

Bowen replied that the town accountant had misinformed him, pointing out that actual raises have not yet been determined.

Depend Upon Method

Bowen explained today that implementation of the plan would depend upon the method used and what employees are actually paid now. "The proposal does not in any way suggest the kind of discrepancies that have been mentioned," he stated.

Rheault commented today that the Yarger report was a "waste of money. In my opinion," he said, "we included that figure in the cost of the raises. If this council in its wisdom passes the salary increases as proposed, three department heads may possibly have a higher salary than the town manager."

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Residents Seek Rec. Funding

By Joanne Brown

Approximately 250 Agawam residents attended a meeting last Sunday sponsored by the Agawam Committee to Support Recreation Programs for Children.

These individuals gathered to present facts and plan strategy in seeking reinstatement of \$25,000 cut from Town Manager Richard Bowen's proposed \$21 million budget.

Kenneth Barnes, acting as moderator, stressed that the \$25,000 is being sought to fund children's programs run by the Agawam Hockey Association and the Agawam Hockey Association. The AAA has agreed to pick up present town-sponsored programs in baton, gymnastics, and learn-to-swim.

Committee chairman Rev. Frank Dunn indicated his disappointment that only three of thirteen councilors he had contacted actually showed up at the meeting. "Everyone one of them told me he'd be here," Dunn stated.

Councilors Frederick Nardi and Francis Colli could not be contacted, and Richard Therox sent a note explaining his absence and stating his support for the funding.

Councilors Donald Rheault and John Bartnik both addressed the group, expressing support for their efforts. Each explained that only the Town Manager could recommend putting monies back into the budget, but both declared they would favor such a recommendation.

Councilor Elena Bonavita drew some booing from the audience when she indicated she would not favor such funding. She said people are "burned out" giving through their taxes and supported the notion that individual children should pay their own way.

People Must Speak Up For Themselves

Rev. Dunn told the group that, once again, citizens must speak out for what they want because "no one else is going to do it for us." He flatly stated that it is the job of the councilors to be at meetings such as theirs and questioned the sincerity of those who had said they'd be there and didn't come.

Various representatives of youth sports activities presented information as to the need for some town funding. Gerald Mason, although not a member of the ACSRP, spoke as president of the Agawam Athletic Association and told the audience that their indoor

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Bowen Begins Sale Of Danahy, Library

Town Manager Richard J. Bowen has begun the process of selling Danahy School and the old Feeding Hills Center Library.

At Monday's regular meeting of Town Council, Bowen told councilors of his intent to hire an appraiser and real estate consultant for \$5,000 for the two structures.

The council, by a 12-1 vote, granted Bowen the authority to negotiate the sale.

Danahy, a three-story brick structure, is slated to close in June due to declining enrollment in the town's school system and already has received at least one interested buyer, local developer John Beltrandi.

Beltrandi said he would completely renovate the town's oldest school building for 60-units of elderly housing.

F.L. Roberts Company, owner of area B.P. gas stations, has reportedly shown interest in buying the closed Feeding Hills Library to make another entrance to their filling station on the corner of South Westfield and Southwick Streets.

Bowen said the appraiser will be used to evaluate the buildings and determine a minimum sale price for each.

According to Bowen, the real estate consultant will assist in setting up specifications for sale and use of the buildings in addition to evaluating offers to buy them.

Several councilors including Walter T. Kerr questioned whether the council will become involved in the process, to which Bowen responded, "The council will be fully informed on what is happening and certainly we will have meetings with the consultants to determine what are the best uses these structures can be put too."

Bowen was especially concerned with the use of Danahy School, which has been termed structurally sound.

He said, while the community should attempt to realize as much money as possible from the sale, the use of the building afterwards should be a key issue with the council.

Bowen said neighbors around Danahy School will be asked for input on use of the school.

"We want to ensure that this building is put to good use and will benefit both the neighborhood and the community as well," Bowen commented.

Disposition of Danahy may take 3-6 months, Bowen told councilors.

He said that once the School Department gives custody of Danahy to the town, "We will mothball it immediately to make it as safe as possible and to ensure to the best of our ability that vandalism is thwarted."

According to Bowen, \$2,000 will be needed to completely board-off Danahy. Security and smoke detector alarms will remain in operation.

Councilor Elaine Bonavita raised several questions to Bowen concerning use of the building, claiming that her proposed youth center for Danahy has the approval "of all other youth organizations" here.

Bonavita has proposed a center for youths with seed money coming from the community.

Under the administration of former Manager Peter Caputo, funds for Ms. Bonavita's proposal before she was elected to the council were never released and the proposal never began to take shape.

Gallano To Propose Delay In Passing Rubbish Fee, Cites State

Town Councilor Andrew C. Gallano today placed the current deliberations on fiscal 1981-82 budget on a new level with the announcement that he would seek to put a holding pattern on the passage of the controversial rubbish collection fee due to increased state aid to the community.

May Save Additional Cuts

More importantly, Gallano's compromise proposal may save the council from additional cuts in the School Department budget and from slashing additional programs or personnel from the municipal budget, and may even leave funds to support the planned abolishment of the Parks and Recreation Department as of July 1.

Gallano told the *Advertiser/News* he would, at the council's May 26th budget hearing where passage of Town Manager Richard Bowen's budget may occur, ask his colleagues to accept the fees for security alarm systems and for emergency ambulance calls by the Fire Department, but place the rubbish fees "in abeyance until we see what the state aid situation is."

According to Gallano, news from Beacon Hill seems to point towards the town receiving over \$300,000 in additional state aid that was not foreseen when Bowen assembled his fiscal package.

He said that if the legislature cannot act on additional aid to cities and towns by June 30, the date that municipalities must file their 81-82 budget with the state, "We could still pass the appropriations portion of the budget and hold off on the fee schedule to see exactly what we will be getting from the state."

Gallano said the budget shortfall by not passing the rubbish fee, which Bowen said totals \$200,000, could be consumed by the additional state aid.

He said passage of the security alarm fees and the ambulance fee, which total \$110,000, would leave Bowen's budget in balance due to the additional state aid.

When asked for comment on Gallano's remarks that more state aid seems imminent, Bowen said that

the figure of \$300,000 in additional state aid "may be conservative."

More Flexible Position

"If you want to make the prediction that additional state funds not originally anticipated is forthcoming," Bowen said, "then it leaves the town in a more flexible position."

"But remember," he added, "there is always next year and failure to pass fees could be a strain on us when we begin to address the proceeding fiscal budget."

Bowen's budget is based on two major themes: first, that the town's revaluation will reach the \$450 million mark and second, that user fees on municipal services such as water, sewer, rubbish collection, security alarm systems and ambulance will provide sufficient funds to maintain his proposed budget in balance.

The council narrowly passed water and sewer fees by an 8-7 vote and are due to discuss the remaining fees at Tuesday's meeting at the Public Library.

These fees are reportedly in trouble and at this point do not possess a majority of the 15-member council to pass.

According to Bowen, this would leave a combined shortfall of \$310,000 and spells deeper cuts in both the school and town budgets.

"What I'm offering here is a compromise," Gallano said. "No one wants to see education in this town hurt nor do they want to see policemen and firemen laid off."

Gallano said he remains concerned over the cutting of the Parks Department and said that providing that the combination of the fees and additional state funding go through, perhaps such cut items as the \$25,000 needed to continue some municipal support to the Agawam Hockey Association and the Agawam Athletic Association can be considered.

The council has yet to discuss the rubbish and ambulance fee but several months ago defeated the security alarm fee by a 7-7 vote.



The Old Feeding Hills Center Library.

New Programming

This fall, cablevision customers in Agawam will be able to receive several additional channels of programming. Commonwealth Cablevision Vice President and General Manager John Cooney announced that the following services will be added:

Entertainment and sports programming network ESPN, a 24-hour a day all-sports network from Bristol, Connecticut; Cable News Network, live 24-hour a day coverage from seven international news bureaus bringing immediate and in-depth coverage of world, sports, and financial news; and Madison Square Garden sports.

Also, Calliope, a series of movies, specials, and syndicated series designed to educate your children while it entertains them and Nickelodeon, wholesome programming that will appeal to children consisting of 13 hours a day of commercial-free programming aimed at different age groups.

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Mrs. Doering Named Chairperson Of MASC Division 5

By Stephen Gazille

School Committeewoman Robert Doering has been elected chairperson of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees' Division Five membership, serving Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin counties.

Mrs. Doering, entering her 14th year with the Agawam School Committee, was chosen for the two year term over representatives from 55 school districts in the tri-county area.

The election was part of a regular MASC meeting held at Wyckoff Country Club in Holyoke last week.

Present at the meeting was State Senator John Culver, (Amherst) chairman of the Joint Committee on Taxation, and State Representative James Collins (Amherst), vice-chairman of the Joint Committee on Education, who spoke on tax reform, gave an update on Proposition 2 1/2 and discussed the possibility of additional state aid to cities and towns.

The MASC is a regrouping of all school committees in Massachusetts whose primary purpose is to keep local schools informed and up-to-date on legislative events in Boston, according to Mrs. Doering.

Once a year, the Association holds a joint conference in Hyannis with the state's Association of Superintendents.

"The conference provides us with a forum for an exchange of ideas," Mrs. Doering said. "It's one way we can learn how other school committees handle certain problems."

She will now serve on the MASC's eight member board of directors.



Mrs. Roberta Doering

"The biggest problem of our school system now," Mrs. Doering said, "involves dealing with the restraints of Proposition 2 1/2."

In addition to that, Mrs. Doering said she is working with other committee members here to provide a program for gifted and talented students, to expand cultural offerings within the budget restraints, and to work towards updating the textbooks in the classrooms.

Mrs. Doering has served as past chairman of the School Committee for two terms.

No Cuts Made...

School Budget Passes As Is

By Joanne Brown

Town Council last Wednesday night tentatively approved by a close 8-7 vote the \$7.43 million school budget as submitted. Before a packed audience in the Community Room of the library, the budget passed intact despite another last-minute attempt by School Budget Subcommittee Chairman William Herd to reduce it \$70,000.

Included in this audience were band parents and members who had remained after staging an impromptu march through the library's lobby in full uniform and carrying placards and signs. These individuals were protesting possible cuts in the band budget in addition to those already made.

The \$7.43 million figure reflects teacher cuts of only 7½ and has received vocal approval of the Agawam Education Association. According to School Committee Chairman Walter Balboni, if that figure does not change, the notifications to layoff some 109 teachers sent out in April will be rescinded.

Herd explained why he was recommending the "conservative cut" of \$70,000 by detailing results of some investigating he had done.

"I've done some checking on the state figures which show Agawam to be fourth from the bottom on per pupil expenditures and have found them realistic," Herd admitted.

He also noted no-frills budgets passed by the School Committees of recent years, a sound bussing contract, and excellent energy conservation as other reasons why he felt the reduction should be set at \$70,000 instead of the subcommittee's original recommendation of \$113,000.

"Despite all of these findings, I still believe some cuts are in order; I don't think our recommendation should go from \$153,000 [top figure suggested] to zero," said Herd.

User Fees Will Affect Final Action

Several councilors raised the question of Town Manager Richard Bowen's proposed rubbish, ambulance, and alarm fees and their effect on the school budget. Bowen's proposed \$21 million budget is still in the red some \$310,000 which is expected to be raised by these fees.

Councilor Richard Theroux stated, "These fees are a political hot potato, but I believe we can withstand the pressure of our constituents on the fees versus that on educating our children."

Theroux later asked Bowen whether additional state aid expected to be forthcoming soon could be used to offset the implementation of fees. Bowen indicated they could.

Nardi Criticizes Colleagues

Frederick Nardi criticized his fellow councilors who had sought to cut the school budget.

"This is the first chance the Town Council has had to knock down a School Committee budget, and we shouldn't do it," Nardi declared. "Over the years, they have spent only what they should have, and it's foolish and punitive to cut them at this point."

The motion to reduce the budget \$70,000 was defeated. Voting in favor of the cuts were Fieldstad, Herd, Kerr, Serra, Trehey, Bartnik, and Bonavita. Voting against the cuts were Colli, DeForge, Gallano, Nardi, Paleologopoulos, Rheault, Theroux, and Cin-cotta.



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programs are in jeopardy without town funding.

"The AAA was formed to assist the town with children's recreation," Mason pointed out. "The Parks and Recreation Department should not have been eliminated in its entirety; some funds should have been left for children's programs."

Mason explained that the AAA baseball/softball program will continue "pretty much as is," but that indoor sports which require payments of custodial and officials' fees are in question.

Robert Keeney, representing the Agawam Hockey Association, explained that for the average child involved with hockey, costs run an additional \$250 for ice time and \$100 for equipment over and above the \$5400 from the town used to pay for ice time during league games.

"We desperately need that \$5400; without it, the end is in sight for the Hockey Association," Keeney said.

In a gesture which really seemed to touch many in the audience, Daniel Lacienski, representing the track program, brought on stage 7-year-old Dan Hoar. Young Danny was introduced to the councilors present to remind them of whom they would be voting in support of.

The meeting closed with Barnes reading the names and addresses of councilors not in attendance. Town residents were urged to call them and ask them to request Bowen to reinstate the \$25,000. They were also encouraged to call Bowen personally to express their feelings.

Several individuals obtained petitions to circulate among neighborhoods to indicate the extent of support their efforts actually had throughout the town.

MAKING FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Some persons have made funeral arrangements before. Others - particularly those under 40 - have not. When someone you love has

died you must make numerous decisions. You should consider those who shared in the life of the deceased as well as the lifestyle of the person who died. Every death affects others. Most times there are relatives, friends and associates who survive. Often the community is involved as well. We will give you the benefit of our knowledge and past experience. There are needs to be met, concerns to be faced and preferences to think about. We will give you the options. The decisions will be yours.

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For Senior Citizens... New Beginnings

By Rita White

With all the greenery and flowers around now, it brings to mind that it is almost time to start planting our vegetable gardens. Some things actually can already be in the ground.

Vegetable gardening can be one of the greatest money savers going for us today. PHEASANT HILL has regular garden plots that the tenants can reserve and do their gardening. If you have the room, fine, if not, it would be to your benefit to rent a garden plot and maybe several of you share a plot.

There is nothing so satisfying as growing your own vegetables, being able to go out to the garden and pick something fresh off the vine and eat it. The money savings are obvious and not just in purchase price, but think of all the nutritious meals that can come out of your garden, the time saved in having to shop and the possibility of freezing some of your produce and being able to enjoy it all winter long.

Maybe you find you have great success with a particular thing and not with others, think about joining forces. One person could raise tomatoes, another squash, etc. Then share your rewards. You'll also have the advantage of being out of doors in the nice weather and getting a little extra exercise.

You could even get really ambitious and try a Senior Vegetable Co-op and get a lot of people involved. Who knows what the total benefits could be? Give it some thought and talk it over among yourselves. You'd be amazed at what a little cooperation can produce. Happy gardening.

The Senior Center wishes to make a change in the date of the trip to Hampden Beach. The trip will be on June 25th. The price is still the same, \$11.00. Be sure and get your reservations in.

Don't forget Monday is a holiday, so there will be no lunches at the Center, but the rest of the week looks good. **Tuesday**, Cheese lasagne; **Wednesday**, roast beef hash; **Thursday**, Grilled pork sausage; and **Friday**, poached fish. Lunch is served from 11:30 to noon and you must make reservations. I hope you all are taking advantage of this terrific bargain. A lot of planning goes into these menus to try and give you a nutritious meal.

The Golden Agers say that they really enjoyed their guest speaker last time, Tommy Cascio speaking on the Lions Club.

The meeting May 27th will be a memorial service. Golden Agers have a terrific trip coming up. There will be a trip to Pennsylvania Dutch Country on June 28th, 29th, 30th and July 1. Emaline Como is doing the planning and has all the information for you. If you are interested (I can't imagine anyone who wouldn't be), please call Emaline at 786-1264.

You know, I hear some people saying that they wish the column had more things in it, especially about friends and family. I can only print what I have been given. If you know of birthdays or anniversaries, please let me know. If there is a party planned, let us know and we'll try and have the photographer come and get a picture for you.

If you are unable to reach me at my home number which is 786-4970, just leave word at the newspaper, 786-7747 or 786-8137 and I will be more than happy to get back in touch with you.

*I planted a garden and watched it grow.
And as it grew, I came to know,
The real gardener who made it so
Used love from above instead of a hoe.*

Rita White



Town Councilors and Honorary Citizen's Award Winners were, from left, councilor Walter T. Kerr, who helped select the winners, Helen Sliech, Marilyn Curry, Felix Augustino, Rev. Bruce Benshoff and Committee Chairman Steven R. Cincotta. Photo by Jack Devine.

Cincotta Issues Citizen's Awards

By Stephen Gazillo

Five Agawam citizens were honored at an awards ceremony held at the Captain Charles Leonard House last Saturday.

About 35 townsfolk were in attendance. The first ever honored citizens awards, organized by Town Manager Richard Bowen and selected by a Town Council subcommittee chaired by councilor Stephen Cincotta, have been given to Mrs. Edith LaFrancis, Mrs. Helen Sliech, Mrs. Marilyn Curry, Felix Augustino, and Reverend Bruce Benshoff.

The awards were presented to citizens selected from a group of nominations received by a special committee. Cincotta said the purpose of the event was to honor those citizens who are good neighbors and good citizens who have previously been ignored by town officials.

"There are a lot of people that give a lot of time, whether in public service or as good neighbors, who don't get recognition," he said. "This award is one way of giving these people recognition."

Acting as Master of Ceremonies for the occasion was councilor Richard Theroux.

The first award winner was Marilyn Curry, who is a member of the Agawam Historic Commission and a former member of the Library Review Committee. She has been a resident of Agawam for 18 years.

Second to receive an award was Felix Augustino, a life time resident of the town who "typifies what Agawam and its people are all about," Theroux said.

Augustino, a former star on Agawam High's 1931 championship team, said, "I played on the same team as the late General Creighton Abrams. I can remember many times when he got me by the seat of the pants and go me moving on the line," he recalled.

Augustino made a career of carpentry work, and has been known to help townspeople with various odd jobs at home. His wife was also in attendance.

Helen Sliech, who is of Polish descent, was honored for her efforts and time put into the Polish American Club.

"She typifies people who gave their time and efforts unselfishly for a specific, worthy purpose," Theroux said. "We're proud of Mrs. Sliech who work hard to continue their heritage."

Mrs. Sliech has been a resident of Agawam for 40 years. She has five children.

The Reverend Bruce Benshoff, vicar of St. David's Episcopal Church, was honored for having given time to "the calling of his church as well as for his efforts as a member of the health board."

Reverend Benshoff, who has been here for six years, will be leaving the community to take another post in Middleborough, Mass.

"I was speechless when I learned that I was receiving an award," Rev. Benshoff said. "It means more than ever now that I know we're leaving."

Mrs. Edith LaFrancis, who was unable to attend because of illness, was presented the award at her house by Cincotta.

She is most noted for her recent publication of the town's history. She is a writer, photographer, artist, and historian.

According to Mrs. Curry, who encouraged her to write the town history book, Mrs. LaFrancis is a "walking encyclopedia." "We're lucky to have her," Mrs. Curry said.

Also present as the ceremony were councilors Paul Fieldstad, William Herd, and Walter Kerr.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 23
Hi-Lighters Dance
Valley Community
8:00 p.m.

May 26th
Meeting
Historical Asso.
Ag. Congo Church
6:30 p.m.

May 29th - 30th
A.R.T. - Showcase
Willow Glenn
East Longmeadow

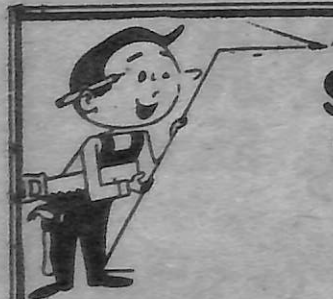
June 6th - 7th
Art & Crafts Festival
Junior Women's Club
Main Street area
All Day

June 6th
Flea Market
Ag. Congo Church
Main Street
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Mrs. Patricia Steuer

Patricia Leary Weds Marc Steuer

On Saturday, May 16, 1981, Patricia Marie Leary and Marc Lawrence Steuer were married in the groom's home in Stamford, Connecticut.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Leary Jr. of 129 Birch Hill Road, Agawam, and the bridegroom is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Steuer of Long Beach, New York.

The bride was attended by Mrs. Kayne Smith Gregory of Southampton, Bermuda, and Perry Neuschatz of Sausalito, California, served the bridegroom as best man.

A graduate of Cathedral High School, Patricia attended the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and received a bachelors degree in music. She is a program coordinator of educational conferences for the National Association of Mutual Savings Banks, New York City.

The bridegroom received both bachelors and masters degrees in electrical engineering from Columbia University and an M.B.A. from New York University. He is a consultant in the firm of Booz, Allen, & Hamilton, Inc. of New York.

Silent Auction Festival Feature

Agawam's seventh annual Arts and Crafts Festival will again this year feature a Silent Auction for the benefit of the Agawam Junior Women's Club's 1982 scholarship awards.

"The response to our scholarship drive has been tremendous," stated Mrs. Barbara O'Connor, festival chairman for the Juniors. "On a strictly volunteer basis, 62 of the artists already registered for the event have donated one of their works for the auction. We have some really beautiful art objects this year, and I'm very pleased with the results to this point."

The Silent Auction will run the same as in past years with separate containers provided for each item. In this manner, persons wishing to bid can place their names, phone numbers, and bids in the containers that go with the items of their choice.

The auction will run all day Saturday, June 6th, with notification for pick up on Sunday, June 7th. It will be operated from the Capt. Leonard House simultaneously with the Arts and Crafts Festival.

Any area artist or craftsman wishing to register for the event may contact Mrs. Barbara O'Connor at 786-6772 or Mrs. Gail Pirnie at 786-5536 for further information.

Library Offers Babysitter Course

The Agawam Public Library, in conjunction with the Agawam Police, Fire and Health Departments, is offering a three-part Babysitter Safety Program for young adults 12 and up. It is now taking place on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30-4:15. Certificates will be awarded to those students who attend all three programs.

Sgt. Al Longhi of the Police Department, Deputy Fire Chief Russell Jenks, and School Nurse Joan Malachowski of the Health Department are scheduled to offer presentations that include films, pamphlets, and demonstrations addressing the various safety issues involved in babysitting and child care.

The workshop was slated for May to help prepare young adults for summer jobs. The library will compile a list of those who complete the course. Should parents call the library looking for a babysitter, these names will be referred to them, if the individuals so wish.

Catholic Women's Club Events

Mrs. Albert Taupier was installed as president of the Agawam Catholic Women's Club at their annual banquet held at the Storowton Barn last Monday. Mrs. Stanley Ciempa and Mrs. William Hayes were chairpersons for the event.

Installation was performed by Rev. Philip Gallerani. Along with Mrs. Taupier, other officers installed were Mrs. James Doyle, first vice president; Mrs. William Beaudry, second vice president; Mrs. Paul Owens, secretary; Mrs. Richard Gingras, Sr., treasurer; and Mrs. Philip Malinoski, assistant treasurer.

Directors will be Mrs. Philip DeForge, Mrs. Richard Fields, and Mrs. Claud Ouelette.

The Catholic Women's Club has announced Saturday, October 17th, as the date for their eighth annual "Fall Festival of Arts and Crafts." It will take place at St. John's Parish Center with free admission to all.

The chairman of this all-day event, Mrs. Steven Jacapraro, is already accepting registrations from area craftspeople and artists. Anyone interested may contact her at 15 Chestnut Lane, Agawam, 786-2400, for further information.

Square Dancers To Meet

The Agawam Hi-Lighters Square Dance Club is having a dance on Saturday, May 23, at 8 p.m. at Valley Community Church, 153 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills. Norm Choquette will be the caller, and Lyn Beatty will cue the rounds.

All square dancers are welcome.

ART Announces Spring Production

Agawam Repetory Theatre is pleased to announce its spring production, SHOWCASE '81. Producer Al Bousquet is presenting this special production of two one act plays at the Willow Glen in East Longmeadow on May 29th and 30th and on June 5th and 6th.

"The Real Inspector Hound", a play within a play by Tom Stoppard was the A.R.T. entry in the Community Theatre Association's Festival last month at Williston Academy. Among its four awards was "Best Massachusetts Production." The play is directed by Soni Tick.

The other play on the program for this fun evening is "Chinamen," a comedy by Michael Frayn, directed by Rick Franzosa. Don't miss out on this fun evening at the Willow Glen.

The show will be presented Cabaret style, but of course dinner reservations at the Willow Glen may be made. For dinner reservations, call 525-4161. For theatre tickets or information, call 788-9779.

MUNICIPAL EVENTS

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Tuesday, May 26th
Special Town Council Meeting
Budget Deliberations
Public Library
7:30 P.M.

Tuesday, May 26th
Consumer Advisory Commission
Weights & Measures Office
7:15 P.M.

Tuesday, May 26th
School Committee
Junior High School
7 P.M.

Thursday, May 28th
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"On The Clothesline"



By Penny Stone

If you had just returned from a trip to Bermuda for your 25th wedding anniversary, would you be expecting an anniversary party a few weeks later?

Well, this is exactly what DOUG & GLORIA KERR, of 622 North West Street, Feeding Hills discovered as they were maneuvered to the Italian Sporting Club on Cooper Street last Saturday night, May 16th.

Following a few tears and a champagne toast, the happy group enjoyed a delicious Italian smorgasbord presented by Valenti's Restaurant. Guests from as far away as Clearwater, Florida and Burlington, Vermont attended the affair and all but two members of the couple's wedding party on April 28, 1956 were able to be present.

"It was somewhat earth shattering to open a door and be face-to-face with someone you'd just written to in Florida and didn't expect to see," exclaimed Gloria.

The couple received many beautiful and useful gifts - not the least of which was a homemade lamp, made from the bean pot of their favorite dish pattern. The surprise party was thoughtfully planned and organized by sons, GARY & JEFF, Mrs. SYLVIA HEBERT, Mr. and Mrs. ADOLPHUS PROVOST, JR., and Mr. and Mrs. MATTHEW BLACKAK. A nostalgic good time was enjoyed by all and special thanks are sent out to PASQUALE & JOE VALENTI, ELEANOR MALGUTI, and LARRY MONTAGNA for their "exceptional" assistance.

This has been a busy and exciting year for the Kerr's. Their oldest son, Gary, is graduating this month from Mass. College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences with a B.S. in Pharmacy and Jeff will be graduating from Agawam High this June and plans to enter Western New England College in the fall.

Congratulations and best wishes to all of you!

May 16th was also a special day for TOM BASSETT & BEVERLY SHAW. They were married Saturday in the Blessed Sacrament Church in Northampton where the bride made her home as the daughter of HAZEL & FRAN SHAW of 14 Northern Street.

Tom, the son of CAROLINE & DICK BASSETT of 788 Suffield Street, Agawam, met Beverly at the University of Massachusetts from which he graduated from last year.

The wedding reception was held at the Blue Bonnet Florentine Room in Northampton. Among the highpoints of the day was the "impromptu" singing of brothers TIM & BRAD BASSETT of a song composed by Brad especially for the occasion.

About 45 relatives and well-wishers attended the "reception after the reception" at the Suffield Street address. "It was somewhat of a hotel atmosphere," commented the groom's mother. "We had people overnight from New York, New Jersey, and Virginia - sort of a dormitory style. Only this time we were prepared."

It was noted that the bride and groom's grandparents would be celebrating a special wedding anniversary in June. Mr. and Mrs. LYMAN BASSETT will celebrate their 50th and Mr. and Mrs. BARNEY HUBBELL will celebrate their 45th. Both sets of grandparents were present.

The newly married couple spent their honeymoon in Mystic for a few days before leaving for Arvada, Colorado, where Tom is employed as a Wind Systems Engineer for Rockwell International. Beverly plans to pursue her career as a social worker.

Best wishes for many happy years together!

During this past Easter week vacation, ten adventuresome students and three courageous adults accompanied Agawam High School teacher JIM WHITE on an 8-day junket to London, England.

The individually-financed trip was planned and coordinated through Carroll's Travel Agency and included many sights of lasting significance.

Participating in this very special excursion were Agawam seniors: JOHANNE DOBEK, KELLY & KIM DUNN, DANA JOHNSON, SHARON STEFANIK, ANNE TAUPIER, LISA ASTA-FERRERO, and her mother, JOYCE. KRISTEN STELMAK, of Suffield, and JOAN LAMSON and TOM RITTER, both Agawam grads, rounded out the student group. Besides Jim, MILDRED REED, an AHS English teacher, and CHARLOTTE SHELME, the school's librarian, acted as chaperones.

Among the many sights the group took in were: Westminster Abbey where they attended an Easter Sunday service, Buckingham Palace and the changing of the guards, Hampden-Court Palace of Henry The 8th, Shakespeare's home - Stratford-On-Avon, Canterbury and the White Cliffs of Dover, and the Tower of London and the ravens, of course.

According to Jim, the students resisted trying new foods and ate Kentucky Fried Chicken the first four nights. Later on, the group partook of an unusual meal, served medieval-style in the Elizabethan Banquet House



Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Kerr were recently given a surprise 25th anniversary party after a return from a trip to Bermuda. Photo by Jack Devine.

Cub Pack 76 Doings

Cub Scout Pack 76 recently went on a walk-a-thon through Chicopee for 20 miles. Each boy participating completed the total 20 miles. Pledge money was used for cub scout summer camp.

Scouts who walked were Kevin Deveno, Scott Skorupski, Eric Burnett, John Martin, Mark Martin, Matthew Blackburn, Kevin Connor, Larry Provost, Timothy Currie, Andrew Bosari, Eric Parkman, Gary Nardi, Jason Kopyscinski, Christopher Lavalette, mark Hallbauer, Joseph Kosinski, Richard Lavalette, Bobby Campbell, Jason Rosensteel, Paul Bordeau, and John Stokowski.

Adults who walked were John and Nancy Hallbauer, Janice Deveno, Mary Skorupski, Una Trudell, Corinne Currie, David and Claire Parkman, and Mary Connors.

Last month's pack meeting was visited by Robert Campbell of the Agawam Police Department for a talk about drugs.

Awards presented were bobcat badges to Carl Vivenzio, Phillip Gaylor, Steven Canto, Christopher Lavalette, and Jason Kopyscinski.

Steven Kinsley earned badges for athlete, artist, outdoorsman, and aquanaut. He also earned the Arrow of Light Award along with Steven Simmons. David Landry earned the outdoorsman badge, and Jackie Patterson earned the sportsman and the webelos badges.

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Polish Club Offers Dance Lessons

The Polish American Club of Agawam has been sponsoring dance lessons for people of all ages for the past month or so. The Johnny Prytko Dancers of Manchester, Connecticut, have been conducting the free lessons.

Participants are learning basic polka steps, plus some of the more advanced dances such as the "Domino," "Silver Slipper," and the "Bumpsie-Dosie."

The lessons will conclude with a graduation program at the club pavilion at Polka Night, May 30th. Music will be provided by the Johnny Prytko Good Times Band from 8-12 p.m. Happy hour will be from 6-7, with a smorgasbord served at 7.

Donation is \$5.00 per person, and tickets will be available on Wednesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. at the pavilion or at the clubhouse Monday through Saturday from 2-7 p.m.

Sacred Heart Slates Flea Market

The annual Flea Market sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society of Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, will be held on June 13th (rain date June 20th) on the church parking lot from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Rental space is available for \$8.00. Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis by calling Terry at 786-0654.

A bake sale will also be held that day and fried dough and refreshments will be sold.

W.Spfld. Church Slates Pancake Breakfast

The William Harvey Building Association is sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast Benefit at the White Church, 732 Elm Street, West Springfield, on Sunday, May 24th from 8 to 10:30 a.m.

Donations for all you can eat is \$2.25, children under 12, 99¢. Tickets may be obtained at the door.

Historical Assoc. To Meet

The annual dinner meeting of the Agawam Historical Association will be held Tuesday, May 26th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church.

Kenneth DeCelle from the Trolley Museum at Warehouse Point, CT, will address the group at 7:30 on "The Days of the Trolley." The public is invited to hear Mr. DeCelle.

Congo Church Schedules Flea Market

The Ladies Aid Society of the Agawam Congregational Church will hold its Spring Flea Market at the church, 745 Main Street, on Saturday, June 6 from 10 to 4. A rain date for June 13 is set.

A snack bar will be open all day with free admission and free parking.

For reservations on dealer space, call Mrs. Donald Fogg at 786-0148 after 5 p.m.

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Rev. Benshoff Honored At Party



The community will be losing one of its most hardworking and faithful servants, Reverend Bruce Benshoff of St. David's Church in Feeding Hills (center). Rev. Benshoff is leaving the area for another assignment in Middleborough, Mass. Presenting Rev. Benshoff with an award is Rev. W. David Crocket and Richard Benjamin. Photo by Jack Devine.

Church Council Opposes Gambling

The Division of Christian Social Relations of the Council of Churches of Greater Springfield has voted to adopt and endorse the statement of the Massachusetts Catholic Conference opposing casino gambling in the state. The statement was prepared and signed by the four Roman Catholic bishops in Massachusetts.

"The Council of Churches of Greater Springfield," said the Rev. Ronald G. Whitney, associate director and advisor to the Division of Christian Social Relations, "has always been strongly opposed to all

legalized gambling but especially casino. Casino gambling is the worse form of gambling because its action is fast, hard-driving, high pressure, non-stop, and extends credit when the player runs out of money, thus creating an enormous increase in compulsive gambling with all its attendant social costs."

Mr. Whitney added, "The Catholic bishops are to be commended for their forthright and prophetic leadership on this moral question. We are happy to join them in opposing the infliction of casino gambling on the people of Massachusetts."

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On Local Politics

By Stephen Gazillo

Was Abolishing Budget Committees A Wise Move?

Action on the town budget appears to be rolling along towards its denouement without a hitch.

What is interesting to note about the budget process this year is that virtually all of the Town Manager's proposals have survived the first heat of deliberations without much discussion or adjustment.

Thus far, councilors have agreed to take out of the manager's original \$21 million budget approximately \$145,597. The breakdown of this money is as follows:

\$14,000 taken out of School Maintenance Department's original \$1,176,249.

\$1,750 out of the Police Department's \$521,524.

\$2,000 out of the Dog Officer's new position at \$30,000.

\$15,031 out of Public Works Administration's \$44,000.

\$57,225 from highway maintenance in the Public Works Department's \$690,380.

\$10,591 out of Public Works Engineering's \$75,380.

\$2,000 out of Library Funds of \$235,260.

\$3,000 out of the Council on Aging's \$84,920.

\$40,000 out of the Capital Budget's 1982 outlays of \$1,778,200.

What has been different in this year's budget deliberations has been the decision to eliminate the various committees which in previous years have studied departmental budgets and subsequently report back to the council.

The only committee to exist this year was the subcommittee on the School Budget.

It is also interesting to note that the greater part of budget discussions this year have occurred over the school budget, and that this is the only area to have undergone serious debate thus far.

This past January councilors voted to eliminate the different budget committees.

Basically, the committees were comprised of three members who would look over the budget request of a particular grouping of departments, talk with members of each department, and then report back to the council with a recommendation.

Has abolishing the committees made the budget process a smoother one? Do councilors have as much input as they have had in the past?

It would be unfair to answer this question with a definite yes or no at this time.

However, it would seem appropriate to raise this issue again at the end of this year's budget process.

This is the first year the council has gone through the process without the subcommittees and some councilors are already indicating that their input is not the same as it has been in the past.

Community Bank In Top Ten Club

The Massachusetts Higher Education Assistance Corporation has announced that Community Savings Bank has earned a berth in the organization's "Top Ten Club" for 1980 in its Mutual Savings Bank Division. This is the fourth consecutive year Community has qualified for the Top Ten Club.

During 1980, Community wrote a total of 1,440 loans for approximately \$2,740,000, an increase of almost \$1 million over their total figure for 1979. This performance topped that of all other financial institutions in Western Massachusetts.

According to Richard Chaisson, Vice President of the bank, "For the last two years, Community has been the largest issuer of student loans in Western Massachusetts. I think this performance and our consistency in this area over the last several years demonstrate the bank's commitment to the HELP loan program. Community is indeed happy to be able to offer assistance to needy students who are completing higher education programs, and we are proud to be the area's leader in the student loan program."

The Higher Education Loan Program (HELP) is a federally funded program of financial assistance for persons pursuing a post-high school education. The program is administered in Massachusetts by the Mass. Higher Education Assistance Corporation, a privately-owned firm located in Boston.

Community Savings Bank does not impose preconditions for HELP loans such as requiring a co-signer or existing deposit relationship. For more information on Community's HELP loan program, visit or call any Community Savings Bank office or contact Sharon Thurber, loan coordinator at 536-7220.

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EDITORIAL

Selling Of Danahy & Library Wise

We listened with much amusement and interest Monday evening's Town Council meeting when Councilwoman Elaine Bonavita made her pitch for the Danahy School to establish a youth-teen center at the site.

Ms. Bonavita, by the way, is the same councilwoman who last Sunday evening was hissed by some 250 townsfolk at the high school auditorium when she indicated she didn't support the placing of \$25,000 back into the Parks Department budget for youth sports organizations in the community.

Ms. Bonavita implied that taxpayers in this community can no longer afford for kids to play sports and that they (the kids) should pay to play.

Yet this is the same Ms. Bonavita who would have the town giveaway some serious money from the sale of Danahy School and then present Ms. Bonavita seed money to start her so-called youth/teen drop-in center in Danahy School.

It's also interesting to note that the councilwoman said Monday night that "all other youth organizations in town concur" with the youth center concept for Danahy School.

We've called several youth organizations around town this week and were told that a) they never heard of Ms. Bonavita's proposal b) had enough troubles of their own to be burdened by such a venture and c) why should the community lose badly needed funds on a giveaway project that will saddle the town with future expenditures to keep it afloat.

The sale of Danahy School and old Feeding Hills Library to responsible purchasers who will pay a fair and equitable price to the town and then use the land an/or facility to benefit the neighborhood and community is a wise move by the Town Administration and Town Council.

From where we sit, Ms. Bonavita's suggestions stems from her lack of knowledge of what's good for the people of the community.

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF AGAWAM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Sealed bids for PROPOSAL FOR INSTALLATION OF BERMS will be received until June 9, 1981 at 2:00 P.M. at the office of the Superintendent of Public Works, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA. Specifications and bid form may be obtained at the office of the Supt. of Public Works. The Town Manager reserved the right to increase or decrease the amount of work as may be deemed necessary and to reject any or all bids.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
JOHN P. STONE, SUPERINTENDENT

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1981 at 7:30 P.M. o'clock to all parties interested in the appeal of RAYMOND R. MOREAU who is seeking relief from Section 20, Paragraph 24 (a) of the Zoning Ordinances to allow the construction of an attached breezeway and garage with less than the required side lot clearance at the premises known as 1245 NORTH WESTFIELD STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Theodore A. Progulski, Chairman
Published: May 21, 1981; May 28, 1981

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, June 4, 1981, at 8:15 P.M., in the Agawam Public Library, Cooper Street, Agawam, MA, for the purpose of hearing the public comments on the petition of Thomas Russo, Jr., for the rezoning of land from Residential A-2 and Agriculture to Business A, situated at 204 Suffield Street, Agawam, MA being more particularly described and bounded as follows:

The undersigned respectfully petitions to change land located at 204 Suffield Street, Agawam, Ma. from Residential A-2 and Agriculture to Business A described as follows: Deed description property at 204 Suffield Street, Agawam, Ma owned by Thomas Russo, Jr. Beginning at a stone bound on the westerly side of Suffield Street at the northeasterly corner of land of Paterson thence; along the westerly line of Suffield Street N 75° 00' E 251.85' thence; continuing along the westerly line of Suffield Street N 21° 08' 00' E 722.67' Thence; along land now or formerly Shaw N 37° 50' 00' W 461.88' thence; along land of Ramah Realty Company, Inc. S 54° 35' 00' W 27.85' thence; along land of Ramah Realty Company, Inc. S 46° 40' 00' E 76.15' thence; along land of Ramah Realty Company, Inc. S 10° 43' 16' W about 115' thence; along the Industrial Zone line southwesterly about 700' thence; along land now or formerly of Strathmore Paper Company S 6° 01' 44' E 145' thence; along land of Paterson S 32° 55' 00' E 450.20' thence; along land now or formerly of Paterson S 81° 46' 30' E 219.93' to the point of beginning.

Containing about 13.35 acres.

BY ORDER OF THE AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman

Published: May 21, 1981

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LAND OF LEONARD RISING

Beginning at a point on the easterly line of Poplar Street, said point being also the southwesterly corner of land N/F of Frank & Marie Mazza in the town of Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts.

Thence running S.82° 17' E. along the southerly lines of land N/F of said Mazza, land N/F of Steven & Victoria

Cassidy, and land N/F of Joseph & Janet Parslow, a total distance of 676.59 ft. to a point;

Thence running S.82° 40' E. a distance of 150.23 ft. to a point;

Thence running S.06° 35' 30" W. a distance of 288.00 ft. to a point;

Thence running S.82° 46' E. a distance of 310.00 ft. to a point at land N/F of Joseph & Shirley Lucia, the last three courses herein described being measured along land N/F of Albert & Jennie Christopher;

Thence running S.06° 01' 30" W. along land of said Lucia a distance of 265.25 ft. to a point;

Thence running S.84° 15' E. along land of said Lucia a distance of 241.74 ft. to a point;

Thence running S.10° 59' 26" W. a distance of 465.31 ft. to a point;

Thence running N.78° 39' W. a distance of 988.29 ft. to a point on the easterly line of Shoemaker Lane, the last two courses herein described being measured along land N/F of the Republican Co.;

Thence running N.21° 29' 40" W. along the easterly line of Shoemaker Lane a distance of 249.24 ft. to a point;

Thence running along the easterly line of Shoemaker Lane in a curve to the left of radius 660.76 ft., having an arc length of 208.99 ft. to a point;

Thence running along the easterly line of Shoemaker Lane in a curve to the left of radius 337.43 ft., having an arc length of 38.33 ft. to point at the southeasterly corner of lot 5 as shown on plan by Pharmed Engineering Corp. entitled "Agawam, Mass., plan to accompany zone change petition for Leonard Rising" dated September 23, 1981

Thence running N.38° 26' 51" E. along the easterly line of lot 5 a distance of 241.71 ft. to a point;

Thence running N.82° 17' 00" W. along the northerly line of lot 5 a distance of 160.00 ft. to a point;

Thence running S.28° 55' 49" W. along the westerly line of lot 5 a distance of 169.87 ft. to a point on the northerly line of Shoemaker Lane;

Thence running along the northerly line of Shoemaker Lane in a curve to the left of radius 337.43 ft., having an arc length of 20.51 ft. to a point;

Thence running N.68° 19' 10" W. along the northerly line of Shoemaker Lane a distance of 89.49 ft. to a point;

Thence running N.75° 12' 10" W. along the northerly line of Shoemaker Lane a distance of 99.63 ft. to a point;

Thence running in a curve to the right of radius 40.00' having an arc length of 80.53 ft., at the point of intersection of the northerly line of Shoemaker Lane with the easterly line of Poplar Street, to a point;

Thence running N.40° 09' 50" E. along the easterly line of Poplar Street a distance of 349.61 ft. to a point;

Thence running N.33° 58' 50" E. along the easterly line of Poplar Street a distance of 103.48 ft. to the point of beginning.

Beginning at a point on the northerly line of Shoemaker Lane, said point also being located approximately 210 ft., plus or minus, easterly from the intersection of the northerly line of Shoemaker Lane with the easterly line of Poplar Street in the Town of Agawam, Hampden County, Mass.;

Thence running N.28° 55' 49" E. a distance of 169.87 ft. to a point;

Thence running S.82° 17' 00" E. a distance of 160.00 ft. to a point;

Thence running S.38° 26' 51" W. a distance of 241.71 ft. to a point on the easterly line of Shoemaker Lane, the last three courses herein described being measured along land N/F of Leonard Rising;

Thence running along the easterly line of Shoemaker Lane in a curve to the left of radius 337.43 ft., having an arc length of 110.20 ft. to the point of beginning.

Published: May 21, 1981; May 28, 1981

LEGAL NOTICE AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on May 28, 1981 at 7:30 P.M., in the Town Administration Hearing Room, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA. This hearing, pursuant of General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40, is called to act on the petition of Alexander D. Pedro and Joaquim D. Bernardes to perform work subject to the Act on "Hope Farms Drive."

Anthony P. Liquori, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission

Letters to the Editor

Gallano Refutes "Playing Politics"

To The Editor:

In reply to Councilor William Herd's remarks relative to the council's school subcommittee report, I point out that when the draft of the final report was submitted to me, I specifically stated to him that I approved of the report providing that he added a bottom line stating, "that the figures enclosed were predicated on whether or not user fees were established." This was omitted from the report and distributed to the council members and the school administration.

Councilor Herd's claim that I played politics with the issue is absurd. It is unthinkable that any councilor would play politics when the future of Agawam's educational system is at stake.

It is also a matter of record that I repeatedly tried prior to acting on the budget to have the council first determine its revenue by making a decision one way or the other relative to user fees. This did not happen.

We are now at the point in the budget process where it must be reduced by at least \$315,000 if user fees are not established or further state aid is not forthcoming. A large percentage of this deficit will have to be borne by the School Department necessitating further teacher lay-offs and further reduction in the quality of education.

In addition, user fees will make it possible to retain some of the town's recreational programs at least in the amount of \$25,000, thereby giving some relief to a program that has been entirely eliminated because of the constraints of Proposition 2½, which is a law with various components that not only include limitations on property taxes, but also a 50% reduction on state income taxes for renters, abolition of binding arbitration, fiscal autonomy for school boards, a reduction in auto excise taxes, and it also allows for the implementation of user fees not to exceed the actual costs of the services rendered.

While many are willing to accept sections of the law they agree with, there are others who object to the initiation of user fees. However, the Town Council and the administration must contend with the law in its entirety even though the use of fees may be politically unpopular.

Whether or not fees are adopted the final budget will comply with the mandates of Proposition 2½.

Pct. 5 Councilor Andrew Gallano



FROM THE THIRD

By Rep Edward W. Connelly

Since last Wednesday, the Legislature has gone through enough change in attitude that it could easily be called "The Week That Was."

First shots were fired by the Governor who revised his own budget proposal, citing the need to help our cities and towns.

Rather than taking a responsible look at the human services provided in the Commonwealth, Governor King's local aid amendments pursue a course, irresponsible in human terms, and one that randomly cuts all service accounts by at least a 3-10% margin. This systematic ravaging of human services smacks of fiscal insensitivity. His intent is correct—he recognizes the need for local aid—but his methodology is way off base.

On Monday of this week, the Chairman of House Ways and Means produced his document. It too, addresses the need for additional local aid. However, it also has a reliance on local options to eliminate prior state mandates. Some of those mandates such as school lunches, kindergarten, bi-lingual classes may be too deeply ingrained in the individual school systems to be eliminated at this point in time.

With the obvious awakening of Governor King and Chairman Creedon, the debate for additional local aid again reverts to the BETTER BUDGET and centers on why it's the most realistic and responsible alternative available.

Without the BETTER BUDGET, accountability would be just another overlooked word in the vocabulary of public officials. Whatever and whenever additional local aid is awarded to cities and towns, it is important to remember that the BETTER BUDGET was the original response to our communities' call for help. Any dollar over the Governor's initial aid proposal of \$37 million, could be, and in some opinions, should be, attributed to the efforts of those who developed the BETTER BUDGET.

Small World Taking Applications

Registration for the Agawam YMCA Small World Pre-School Program for the 1981-82 school year is now in operation. The school, located at 108 Perry Lane, Agawam, is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The YMCA pre-school is an early childhood program devoted to fostering the social, intellectual and physical growth of the young child. The program places an emphasis on the development of the child's self-confidence by encouraging him to investigate the world beyond the home. It is a time for 3-5 year olds to play together and to grow mentally as well as physically - all under the direction of a qualified YMCA educator staff.

Anyone wishing to visit the school may call the Y Youth and Family Services at 739-6951, ext. 238, for an appointment.



This little monkey, Anthony Newman, certainly enjoys one of the many fine facilities at the YMCA in Agawam. Photo by Jack Devine.



Peter P. Hoontis, Director of the Youth and Family Center Services for the Agawam YMCA and Kathryn K. Zingg, Agawam Family Center Director will be there to greet you this weekend. Photo by Jack Devine.

Y "Shape-Up" Week On Tap

The week of May 23 to May 30 has been designated as "YMCA Shape-Up Week" in Western Massachusetts to highlight Y services and to prove that fitness can be fun. Many events have been planned during the week at YMCA, Chesnut Street, Springfield and in Baystate West, Springfield Center.

Events also have been planned to celebrate the season opening of the Y's two outdoor family centers. On Saturday, May 23, the Agawam Family Center on Perry Lane will open for the season and on Sunday, May 24, Paucatuck Park off Dewey Street in West Springfield will mark its official opening.

The facilities at both centers will be available free to the public on opening day. Events planned for the week will demonstrate the fact that the YMCA, the leader in fitness for 129 years, has not only pioneered in general fitness for health for all age groups from youth to senior citizen, but continues in the development of many new programs including Cardiac Therapy, back care, stress management and more.

YMCA Center Plans Grand Opening

The Agawam YMCA Family Center will hold its grand opening on Saturday, May 23 from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. to celebrate the start of the 1981 season. The facilities at the Family Center, which is located at the corner of Mill Street and Perry Lane, will be available free to all members of the community.

According to Kathy Zingg, Family Center Director, the day's events will be diversified with many activities for the whole family.

The day will start with a Family Fun Run at 11:00 a.m. The flat, paved course will be 1.5 miles for people of all ages. Awards will be presented to the top finishers and the run is free to all interested joggers. The Olympic size swimming pool will officially open at 12:00 noon.

The kick-off for the afternoon's activities will be a Balloon Blast-Off at 2 p.m. that will mark the opening of Shape-Up Week in Western Massachusetts. Other activities will include an adult tennis tournament, volleyball and field events. People are invited to bring a picnic lunch and have a family cook-out.

A 2:00 p.m. concert with folk group Thompsen and Hamilton will feature music that will make you feel good inside and out!

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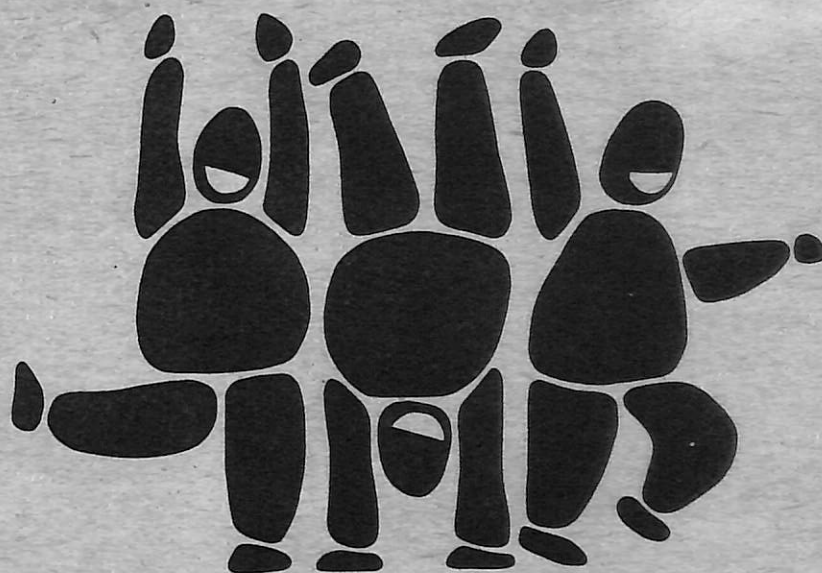
For further information on the Agawam Family Center Membership or the Opening Weekend, call the Metropolitan Springfield YMCA - 739-6951.



The super slick tennis court facilities at the Agawam YMCA. Photo by Jack Devine.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Band Jamboree Successful

By Charles Duclos

If Proposition 2½ is taking its toll on Agawam's educational system, it certainly wasn't in evidence at the band jamboree recently held in the Agawam High gymnasium. A combination of the elementary, middle, junior and senior high school groups played separate numbers and then combined with the AHS Color Guard for a patriotic musical flag presentation performed to the tune of "America the Beautiful."

Yvonne "Gwen" Goucher from the elementary beginners' band was given the honor of warming up the musicians in musical exercises before the program was taken over by regular directors. Mrs. Sally Lowell led this group through music which ranged from a victory march to a tango to a piece with a religious theme, "Give Me That Old Time Religion."

David Baldock directed the Middle and Junior High Schools bands after which Zachary Tileston and Darcy Davis took charge of the older students.

When the Color Guard made their presentation, they were paced by co-captains Debbie Macey, Donna Ouellette, Sue Hundley, and Sharon Stefanik.

At the moment when David Baldock appeared to lead his band, a thunderous standing ovation was given to the popular teacher/leader, testimonial to his dedication to the profession. Though not yet official, Dave will be leaving Agawam at the end of the school year.

Darcy Davis released the following as part of the evening's printed program: "We are extremely sorry to look at the possibility of Mr. David Baldock's leaving us to enter a different profession. His dedicated efforts in our music program have been some of the nicest things that could happen to a community. In addition to his work in the schools, many of his private students were honored by having been selected to regional and national bands over the years; such as Dana Mowrer last year with the All-State and All-American Bands, and Andy Lester this year who will be playing with the All-State, All-Eastern and National Honors Bands. Baldock's influence on our students both as a musician and as a person has been significant, and we all wish him well in a new endeavor. We will miss him greatly."

Dave indicated to this writer that if he leaves Agawam he expects to join his brother in Wenatchee, Washington, and will manage an automobile dealership. He intends to stay with music through church and community programs.

A plaque of appreciation which reflected Baldock's "Unselfish devotion to the young musicians of Agawam" was presented during the program by Ed Lacour and Joe Tortoriello Sr. of the Agawam Band Parents' Association.

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Spanish Honor Soc. Inducts Newcomers

On Friday, May 15th, several new members of Agawam High School's Lope de Vega Chapter of the Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica were inducted. These individuals include Arlene Allen, Gregory Brennan, John Calabrese, Cheryl DeSpirt, Suzanne Douglass, Christina Ferraro, Gina Ferraro, Patrick Sheehan, Susan Vineset, and Michael Wands.

The Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica was founded by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish to honor students of outstanding ability and interest in the Spanish language.

Rosemary DeStefano and Ann Sherry conducted the ceremony and members of the society presented a program of music and poetry.

Rosemary DeStefano played *Espana* and *Two Guitars* on the accordion, and Gina Ferraro and Michael Wands recited poems by Icaza and Unamuno.

To conclude the program, Laura Baldoni, an American Field Service student on exchange from Buenos Aires, addressed the group on Argentina.

Free Workshop On Environment

Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden will sponsor a free teacher workshop on Saturday, June 6, from 10-12 for teachers of grades 6 to 10 science and social studies. The subject of the workshop is Project WALSE (Water, Land, Air, Solar Energy), an environmental set of units.

Participants will receive instruction on the lessons and free curriculum materials. The four WALSE units combine activities and experiences in ecology, economics, technology, and sociology and help students discover the impact of changing energy resources.

Following the workshop, teachers are invited to stay and view the education facilities at Laughing Brook.

Though there is no fee, registration is limited. Please call 566-8034.

Free YoYo Demonstration Slated At Library

Agawam school-aged children are invited to come to the Agawam Public Library on Thursday, June 4th, from 4 to 5 p.m. for a free Duncan YoYo demonstration. The event will feature the skills of Jackie Campbell and her partner.

Kids can learn tricks, watch the professionals, and practice with them on the spot.

To sign up, call the library at 789-1550.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Mon., May 25: NO SCHOOL

Tues., May 26: Toasted bologna & cheese sandwich, tossed garden salad, chilled pears in syrup, milk

Wed., May 27: Hamburg in roll, carrot & celery sticks, cheese fingers, applesauce, chocolate pudding, milk

Thurs., May 28: Sausage grinder w/tomato sauce, buttered green beans, oven potato rounds, jello, milk

Fri., May 29: Roast turkey w/gravy, whipped potatoes, buttered diced carrots, wheat bread & butter, applesauce cake, milk

Jazz Band Sets Car Wash

Members of the Agawam Junior High Jazz Band will hold a car wash on Saturday, May 23 at the Agawam Middle School from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Proceeds from this car wash will help defray expenses incurred during the band's recent trip to the Niagara Falls competition.

Members will sell tickets prior to the car wash. Prices are 99¢ for cars, \$1.50 for trucks and vans. Tickets will also be available at the car wash.

Class Of '56 Seeks Classmates

The Agawam High School Class of 1956 will hold its 25-year reunion on Saturday, June 20th with dinner and dancing at Betty's Old Towne House, Agawam.

The committee has been unable to locate the following classmates: Richard Cebrelli, Faye Cummings, Robert Dudley, Jerry Haynes, Myrna Hyland Crowley, Georgia King, David Monaghan, James Oeky, Barbara Pepe Carpino, Phyllis Radwilowicz Parlingas, and Carmen Rodio.

Anyone able to provide an address for the above named individuals is asked to contact Eleanor D'Amato Balboni, Joanne Meissner Beltrandi, Joan O'Connor Martel, Barbara Meissner Nicora, Thomas O'Keefe, Richard Orr, Carol Bonavita Spaeth, Donald Gould, William Irwin, or Gordon Smarse.

W. Spfld. High Presents Oscar Wilde Drama

The West Springfield High School Drama Club will present "The Importance of Being Earnest" by Oscar Wilde this weekend.

Performances on Saturday, May 23, are scheduled for 2:00 and 8:00 p.m., and on Sunday, May 24, at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$2.00 for adults and \$1.50 for students and senior citizens. The school is located at 425 Piper Road.

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Guidance Bulletin Board

By Paul Cavallo
Chairman,
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The Guidance Department is planning a mini-career day for June 10 from 8:05 to 10:30. At 7:30, coffee will be served to our arriving guest speakers. Sheets were handed out to students. By checking off areas, they expressed their interests in various occupations. Then with the help of the people in the computer room, we matched the pupils' interests with the speakers who will be here.

Each pupil will be assigned to four different rooms where he will hear four different speakers expound on occupations. The speakers will concern themselves with job opportunities, wages, job outlook, educational preparation, and working conditions. Time has been allotted for adequate questions and answers. Some speakers are also augmenting their presentations with audio-visual aids.

We are most fortunate to have found excellent people, many from the Agawam community, eager to share their experiences with our students. We heartily thank them.

Over 40 occupations will be discussed. Among the various ones are accountant, pilot, architect, auto mechanic, banker, dental assistant, floral designer, musician, retailer, teacher, physician, truck driver, and welder.

This mini-career day promises to be a success. The information gleaned from it should prove essential in helping youngsters grapple with career goals.

Short Takes

Diplomatess: "Conditions are fluid" translates to: "We haven't the foggiest idea of what's going on."

They call our boss "chief," because, among other things, he runs the fire department.

Class is having your own collapsible candelabra to eat your lunch-at-the-desk by.

Worse case of extreme shock we ever saw was experienced by a used car salesman who was offered cash for one of his hulks.


True love is what makes a man burn his way through a pound of pipe tobacco his spouse bought him because "it smelled so nice in the jar."

First things to pop up from winter's last snows are the lawn tools you left out last fall.



Cheryl Despirit Presented Brown Award

Acting Principal John A. Morrissey has announced that Cheryl Despirit, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Santo Despirit of 73 Reed Street, Agawam has been awarded the prestigious Brown Book Award. This award is presented annually by Brown University to a junior who has shown outstanding achievement in English. Cheryl is a member of the National Honor Society and the Agawam High School Colorguard. Pictured with Miss Despirit are Acting Agawam High School Principal John Morrissey and English teacher Margo Poulin. Photo by Jack Devine.



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SPORTS

The Benchwarmer

By Charles Duclos

O'Malley Printers didn't have a very good start for their opening game against Holyoke Allies last Friday night. Action was moving at a steady pace, but Mother Nature wouldn't cooperate and into the third inning, a torrential downpour sent all scurrying to cars. Officials attempted to resume play; however, hovering dark clouds proved superior and a no-contest was declared. The game will be rescheduled.

Monday night's tilt was played at Forest Park and found Don Irzyk on the mound. The righthander for the O'Malley Printers allowed ten hits over the six inning game, and Central Chevrolet converted half of these into runs.

O'Malley's picked up a single marker in the first on a single by Lou Conte, who drove in Jeff LaBranche from third. LaBranche had singled on a hard smash to short, then stole second, and zipped to third on a wild pitch. In the top of the second, O'M had a field day as they capitalized on a single by Mike Miller, who journeyed to second on a repeat shot by Dave Stefano. Both advanced bags on a Central error. With two outs, caused by a force out a second and a strike-out, John Plante planted a single to right field and drove in the base-huggers. Plante stole second and continued to third on an error. Steve Moge walked, who made it to second on a wild pitch, which brought Plante across the plate. LaBranche walked, Conte singled to load the bases, and Rick Mastroianni crashed a hard grounder between third and short to bring home two more runs.

Central brought two runners home in the bottom of the third and fifth, and a single run in the sixth. The Printers also added to their eight run lead by scoring a single in the fourth and a double tally in the sixth. Pinch-hitting services were offered by Dave Hall, Tom Nodell, and Danny D'Alma, who was credited with driving in a run.

Final score: O'Malley Printers, 11; Central Chevrolet, 5. A crowd of approximately a hundred enthusiastic followers viewed the action. Why not be one yourself? Games next week--May 27 at Shea's Field, 6:00, against Fenton Pioneers; May 28 at Westfield Vocational High field, 6:00 against Oliver Auto Body.

O'm has added another catcher to its roster in the person of John McGurk.

13-15 Suburban Softball

The past weekend saw the AAA girls suburban softball team split a pair of pre-season games with two of the stronger teams in the league.

On a rain-soaked field on Saturday, the Agawam Flyers took the AAA girls 7-4 behind superb pitching on both sides. Lena Kozloski turned in a fine effort both in the outfield and at third, while first-year catcher Kelly Slamon did very well behind the plate.

Sunday saw the AAA girls back in the win column after defeating Longmeadow, a team which is very impressive at the plate. Good defense by Agawam led to their 5-4 victory. Mary Dupre anchored the outfielders and contributed a hit, while Gina Letellier smashed two hits and scored the tying run in the sixth.

The first home game of the season will be Tuesday, June 9th, with West Springfield at Borgatti Park. All games begin at 6 p.m.

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Nelsen Sets New High Jump Mark

By Debbie Guidi

Agawam track star Eric Nelsen set a new record of 6.5 feet in winning the high jump in Saturday's individual competition at Springfield College.

The talented senior also won the 120 high hurdles and came in second in the long jump with a 20.9½ mark there.

Nelsen had to settle for second in the low8hurdles, though, where he was narrowly defeated in a close race.

"He was just nipped at the tape," Coach Joe Modzelewski said of Nelsen's finish.

Though they weren't swift enough to place, mile runners John Danaher and Dan Jury "ran their best times," according to Modzelewski. Danaher finished at 4.51 minutes and Jury completed the course in five minutes flat.

The boys squad will face Putnam on Wednesday at Blunt Park in the season's final meet. If they win, the Brownies will be co-champs with Minnechaug. The Western Mass. Championships will be on May 23 at UMASS.

Girls Track members enjoyed some success Saturday as well. A fine effort by Lynn Mogan earned her a third in the hurdles. The 440 yard relay team took a third in their event.

The team's last meet will be at home against West Springfield this Wednesday is a 3 p.m. confrontation, then it's on to th May 23 Western Mass. Championships.

"The team wasn't deep enough to win all the meets this year but we've had some individual accomplishments. It's been a productive season all around, despite our record. We're taking 7 girls to Western Mass.," said Coach Rose Stratton.

Going to the Western Mass Tournament will be Denise Murray, Patrice Ross, Karen Brown (discus) and Lynn Mogan (hurdles). To qualify for the discus event, the girls had to throw over 80 feet. Lynn Mogan qualified for the hurdles with a 16.4 time.

The girls will be entering its 440 relay team (Kim McFarlin, Ann Sherry, Lynn Mogan and Shelly Merchant) in the competition.

Leclerc Triumphs As Softball Pitcher

Roger Leclerc, the first NFL placekicker to kick five field goals in one game, recently performed a feat almost as unusual. He struck out the last two batters in a men's softball league game when Willard Realty defeated Clean Machine 6-1 at Borgatti Park.

Leclerc's assistant football coach at Westfield State College, Ron Rix, an Agawam High science teacher, hit a long solo homer for the winners.

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Smith's Brownies Capture Ninth League Flag

By Steve Berard

Varsity baseball mentor Gerry Smith has his troops rolling as they collected their 10th win against no losses and clinched yet another Division B pennant.

In Smith's 13-year reign, his squad's have annexed nine flags.

The unit's 7-1 demolition of Ludlow was sparked by a snappy three-hitter off the arm of junior Paul Dezielle, who had a no-hitter through 5 1/3 innings. Dezielle's performance pleased Smith, who equated the outing with Scott Karam's two-hitter against Northampton in an earlier 2-1 Brownie' victory.

Senior second sacker Don Gallerani opened the game offensively for the townies with a base-loaded single, driving in two runs in the fourth.

Scott Karam knocked home another RBI with a hard driven triple. The amazing Dave Lyne continued to massacre opposing pitchers with two more hits and one RBI.

Lyne has collected 26 hits in 51 at bats, and needs only four more safeties to tie a school record held by former centerfielder Danny D'Alma.

This feat should cause no problems for the senior centerfielder with six regular season games left on tap.

Agawam's impressive hitting throughout the lineup can be found in statistics.

In all fifteen games, including independent play, the Brownies own a .293 team average. In the last eleven contests, however, they are hitting an astonishing .325 clip.

Sophomore Boo Smith will be starting on the hill in a rematch against Longmeadow.

The locals nabbed a 4-1 win in the first meeting with the Lancers.

Smith, in nine appearance (8 in relief) has performed well this season with the help of his strong curveball. Smith is not going to overlook the rest of the regular season games.

"We're just trying to win all the remaining games we can to get a high seed in the tournament, preferably the number one or two spot," Coach Smith said.

One of the team's tri-captains, Don Gallerani, is confident of the squad's tournament outlook.

"As long as the team stays psyched up, we'll go for it. We have the talent and the potential."

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Welcome To My World - By Charles Duclos

The Agawam Soccer Association conducted signups for the fall season this past Saturday at the Middle School. This group will take into its fold any town resident between the ages of 5 through 16 in both girls' and boys' divisions.

Officers of the association on hand for the day-long event were Tom Drapeau, president; Rene Piccoli, vice-president; Dave LaPlante, treasurer; Laurie Wright, secretary. Others assisting were John Powers, Jim Tallon, girls' division coordinator; Bill Rose, boys' division coordinator; Rich Parolo, coordinator of the in-town teams as well as those participating in the Pioneer Valley Soccer League.

Approximately 800 youths have already signed up to play next season. The response has been almost evenly divided between boys and girls, which will give a well-balanced program.

Missed the registration?? Any eligible youth who would like to play in this league next fall may sign up by May 30th. Contact Bill Rose at 786-0195 for the boys teams; Jim Tallon at 786-1653 for girls; Tom Drapeau at 786-9632. After May 30th, the teams will be selected by July 1 and the opening games will be held on the first Saturday and Sunday after Labor Day. The season will run until the end of October, according to Drapeau.

In addition to the in-town league, another division will be formed from those registered by May 30 and wish to participate in the Pioneer Valley League for the fall 1981 season. Tryouts will take place at the Middle School as follows:

Saturday, May 30: 12:30-2 p.m., Boys 12-13 years old; 2-3:30 p.m., boys 10-11 years old; 3:30-5, boys 8-9 years old. Rain date is June 6

Sunday, May 31: boys 14-15 years old from 2-4 p.m. Rain date June 7.

Each age group will be represented by two teams. Any questions on this league should be addressed to Rich Parolo at 786-1394.

Coaches and assistant coaches are desperately needed; if interested, please contact anyone whose phone number is listed in this article.

Finally a new program has been started this spring by the Soccer Association. An instructional league has been formed which meets every Sunday at the Junior High. Volunteers from Springfield College work with boys and girls who are 5 and 6 years old. There are no teams, therefore, it is non-competitive and the focus is put on exercises and basic skills. Presently, there are 115 youngsters participating and 5 openings still exist. Contact anyone listed in this article for more information. This will be carried over to next year, so be sure to sign up by May 30.

Mike Walsh's Roadrunner Muffler team silenced the Chicopee Ajax squad on Saturday at the Middle School by a score of 4-1. Billy O'Brien slipped one past the goalie early in the first half and was quickly

followed by a header by Tom Lockwood on Davey Jenks' corner kick. This gave the Runners a commanding 2-0 lead before mid-point first half action. Jenks zeroed a neater from fifty feet out on the left side, but before the 35 minute whistle was sounded, Ajax managed to pick up one tally.

In second half action, as well as during the first period, Mike Petrone played excellent field position and was one of the most effective defensemen along with goalie Ricky Costa, according to Coach Walsh.

Billy O'Brien speared one past the face of the goal to Davey Jenks who headed the oval into the net to give the team a 4-1 victory.

Sunday's action pitted this team against Wilbraham in a 1-1 struggle. Tony Caputo picked up the sole marker on a one-on-one charge against the goalie. Each team played excellent ball, especially on the defense.

Coach Bill O'Brien's 16-and-under girls' team added two more wins to their success column. Saturday's game against the 16 Acres Lions saw the hometeam in a close tussle, before nipping the Lions 2-1. Jennifer O'Brien neatly passed off to Diane Goodman and Goodie two-shoed her way past a couple of Lions and slashed one past the uprights. The Acres evened the score by halftime, but again Goodman was in the thick of the den and right-crossed one to Dana Venturini, who found the inside of the lair.

Michelle Duclos and Jennifer O'Brien sustained injuries in this game and will be out of action for a short while.

On Sunday, the Agawam Polish Club sponsored eleven again came out to play and sailed over the East Longmeadow Whitecaps 6-0. The ice was broken when Carrie Szabla soft shot one from close up on a smooth pass by Diane Goodman. A quarter field fly ball reached into the outer limits of the net for Chris McCarthy's marker. Lisa Chevalier cornerkicked to Diane Goodman to soar the hometown girls ahead 3-0.

Second half action found Julie Miodowski out of her regular starting position as goalie and on the line. Jul tallie's early to give the girls a 4-0 lead. Lisa Chevalier, assisted by Deanne Duclos, picked up a goal as did Monique Bergeron, her first as a player for O'B.

Monique and Sue LaViolette only recently joined the team, and both have proven their worth by making considerable contributions in offensive and defensive play.

Coach Tom Drapeau's B & H Dispatch 12-and-under boys' soccer team tied West Springfield's Ab-dow's 1-1. Ricky Parolo on an assist from Jamie Christian carried the sphere up the middle to the goal.

Soccer news next week from the Ludlow Soccer Association's Memorial Day Tournament.

Under-10 Soccer About Even Record

Agawam's Luigi's Auto Body under-10 soccer team in the Pioneer Valley Soccer League beat Holy Cross 3-0 recently to up their record to 4 wins, 3 losses. Goals were scored by Chad Alechny, Mike Shea, and Brendan Blake with assists going to Joe Chiarella and two for Chad Blackak.

Good defense from Joe Chiarella saved a possible goal when Holy Cross penetrated deep into Agawam's territory.

Shots on goal in the first half totalled five for the Agawam team and two for Holy Cross. Chris (Doozer) Christian took three of the five shots from half back

line. Second half shots on goal were seven for Luigi's and one for Holy Cross.

Good clearing by Chris Kasperak, Mike Tassinari, and Chris (Demo) DiMascola kept Holy Cross from coming into Agawam's territory. Chris LaPlante, displaying good footwork, brought the ball down the sideline, pulling the goalie and leaving an open net. He passed to Chad Alechny who put in in only to be called offside.

Another close goal came from Tom LaRochelle with a good chip shot only to be inches wide.

Luigi's Auto Body will be playing in the Dina Cassagrande Soccer Tournament at Van Horn Park in Springfield. They meet North Brookfield on May 23 at 1 p.m.; 16 Acres on May 24th at 9 a.m.; and St. Catherine's on May 24th at 3 p.m. The championship game will be played May 25th at 1 p.m.

Sportsman Corner

By Bill Chiba

The New Hampshire Fish & Game has decided after many public hearings to establish a doe permit area this coming deer season. There still is a two zone-hunting program in effect and the permit area is an added feature. The deer herd has been on the decline for the last ten years and the biologists are attempting to bring back the herd by adopting various programs. The permit program is one that is under consideration.

The Fish & Wildlife in Mass. has finally set a coyote season. From this corner, it is a compromise. The division received so much static and opposition during the passage of the law in the legislature allowing them to set a season that it again took the easy way out just like it did when it set the bear season. The coyote season will run from Nov. 2 through the 27th of February. Coyotes will not be allowed to be shot during the deer season. Very few coyotes will be harvested. The season in concurrent with the fox season.

The seven member board will hold a public hearing June 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Holdsworth Hall, University of Mass., Amherst, on the proposal to allow the successful bowhunter to take a second deer during either the shotgun or the primitive firearms season. Every bowhunter that reads this paper should make it a point to attend this hearing. Don't leave it up to a few dedicated bowhunters to try and put the message across to the board. We need numbers in attendance. You can tear yourself away from the TV or your favorite hangout one evening to make an appearance at the hearing.

The same evening, the board will hear input on including Saturday during the primitive gun season; lengthening the shotgun season to include two Saturdays for the fellows that have to work all week; and to increase the Paraplegic Season from two to three days of hunting.

The latest reports on the turkey harvest in Mass. indicates that it may double the kill last year. Two hundred birds have been reported so far. Last year, 71 birds were taken. The majority of birds were taken in the vicinity of Bear Town State Forest. This area received one of the first plant of wild turkeys seven years ago.

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Little League News

The good hitting of the Suburban Real Estate Orioles on Saturday, May 9th, put them over the Look Oil Dodgers with a score of 16-5. Mike Wright and Jimmy Russell both banged homeruns. Jay Votakis and David Sheehan did well pitching.

John Batista's performance, together with good in-field plays by first baseman Brian McCarthy, led the Beauty Boutique Red Sox with a 12-3 win over the Agawam Bowl Mets. Playing good defense was Scott Mertz and Jeff Perreault. Connecting at the plate was Dave Dean with a double and also Shawn Ferguson with a single.

All of the Fire Association Indians turned in a good performance with their 10-5 win over the Lucia Lumber Yankees. Eric Plyler's strong throw stopped a run, while Matt Blackburn and Larry Sheehan combined for a double play. Danny Trolino hit an in-the-park homerun.

On May 11th, the entire Senior Sarasota Ford Orioles played well with Todd Oberheim doing the catching. Although Tim Wycoff gave up only 4 hits and Peter Sibilia pitched hitless ball for two innings, but it wasn't enough to pull ahead of the Senior Soda City Dodgers. The Dodgers' 5-3 victory was because of John Alves fanning 11 batters. Doubles and singles with RBI's were hit by Eugene McLean and Bill Malachowski. Mike Kulik scored on a steal and a sacrifice by Ted Malachowski.

The Major Rollaway Red Sox lost their first game after two wins to the Lions Dodgers 4-2. Jusi Kulik had a run-saving catch in leftfield and double plays were made by Joe McLean and Mike Eagan. The strength of the Red Sox came from their pitcher Evan Humphries giving up only 4 hits and striking out 8.

Nick Buoniconti of the Dodgers gave only 3 hits to the Sox and struck out 14. The win came in the last inning with two outs as Tony Young doubled to RC bringing in Nick Buoniconti and Tony Cichetti. Jim Laudato doubled for the night.

Strong pitching by Ken Porth in the May 12th game for the Senior Police Association Yankees was not enough to win over the Raffol Insurance Red Sox, 7-5. Mike Robinson played well at short, while Mike Moccio put in great defense at first and got two hits.

The May 12th game between the Polish Club Indians and Mushy's Yankees, majors, was a slow game. Phil Borrello of the Indians allowed only two hits. Jay Miller and Mike Ibbotson hit well. Todd Godek had his second in-the-park grand slam.

The Senior Soda City Dodgers just couldn't put it together on May 13th with their first loss of the season, 18-7, against the Buxton Orioles. In a one-sided game, Ron Viens pitched a 3-hitter until relieved in the sixth. Outstanding playing was done at second by Peter Sibilia. The entire team put in a good performance.

A close 11-10 contest had the Major Buxton Orioles winners over the Lions Dodgers. Dave Keeney, pitcher, had a homerun, while the team turned two double plays for the game. Tony Ingham had a hot bat and scored two runs.

May 14th had the Major Polish Club Indians with an exciting 5-3 game over the Red Sox. Todd Godek hit his third homerun of the season, and Jay Miller struck out 7 and gave up only 4 hits. A circus catch by Tom Walz resulted in a double play and stopped the Sox threat in the last inning.



Mike Cleavall of Little League East's Buxton Orioles grabs a high throw during recent action at the School Street park. Photo by Jack Devine.

The reason for the Rollaway Red Sox playing a tight game was their defense and Mike Eagan's good control pitching. Joe McLean played sound second base, and Joe Violette made a spectacular catch. Kevin McCormick saved a run.

The breaks just did not come for the Senior Police Association Yankees in their game on the 14th against the Senior Red Sox. Mike Stassen just missed a homerun. Good infield defense came from Mike Robinson, Owen Humphries, and Rick Stacy. Catcher Jeff Hill looked good as he cut down two Sox runners and Jeff Bodge hustled in from leftfield and made a tag on a rundown play between second and third. Chris Albano executed a perfect bunt for an RBI.



Sacred Heart A.A. 11-12 Boys Standings

White Sox	3-1
Reds	2-1
Yankees	3-2
A's	2-2
Red Sox	1-2
Royals	1-2
Phillies	1-3

On May 11, the Royals belted the Reds 10-2 behind the pitching of Mark Charest who walked only one batter. Good hitting came from Barry Felix, Wayne Leal, and Mark Charest, and good defense was put in by the whole team.

On May 12, the A's edged the Phillies 5-3. Chris Wood pitched an excellent game, and hitting was led by Nick Carra, Paul Poole, and Chris Ollari.

On May 13th, the Yankees won over the Red Sox 5-2. Mickey Lunden's strong pitching arm gave up only one hit for the Yanks. Duane Clark hit well, and Leo Santinello belted a homer for the Yankees.

On May 14, the Reds edged the A's 5-2 with Ricky White striking out ten batters. Brian Nicole was the outstanding hitter getting two doubles and a single. Brian Nicole made an unassisted double play to help spark the defense.

On May 15, the White Sox continued their winning streak behind the pitching of Bobby Coelln, with relief pitching from Bobby Altobelli. Outstanding defensive play came from Altobelli and Tommy Finnie.

SHAA 13-15 BOYS DIVISION

Dayga Printing edged out Collins Construction 8-6 in the first game of the season.

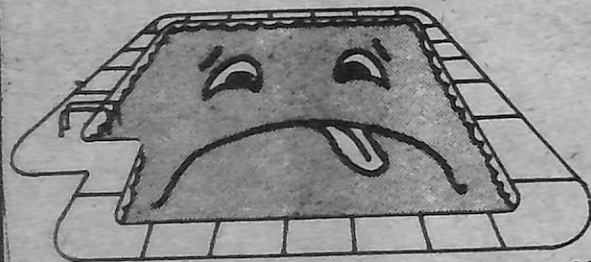
In game 2, Mike McCrystal outdueled Larry Disher as the Agawam Policemen's Association defeated the Lions 2-1. McCrystal gave up 3 hits, 3 walks, and struck out 7 while collecting 2 hits, scoring once, and driving in one as he led his team to victory. Disher was equally as good giving up 3 hits, 3 walks, and striking out 12 in a losing cause.

Agawam Opticians opened their season with a 5-2 victory over the Polish Club behind the pitching of Michael Charest, who threw a 4-hit, no-walk game. Jay Passerini was the big hitter for Opticians with a doubles and a homerun for two times at bat.

Mike Mahoney pitched a good game for the Polish Club allowing 7 hits, no walks, and 9 strikeouts. Dar-ryl Brennan hit a homer for the Polish Club.

Dayga Printing made it 2 for 2 by defeating the Lions club in a squeaker as Ted Delsky hit a bases-loaded single sparking his team to victory. The loss was the second for the Lions.

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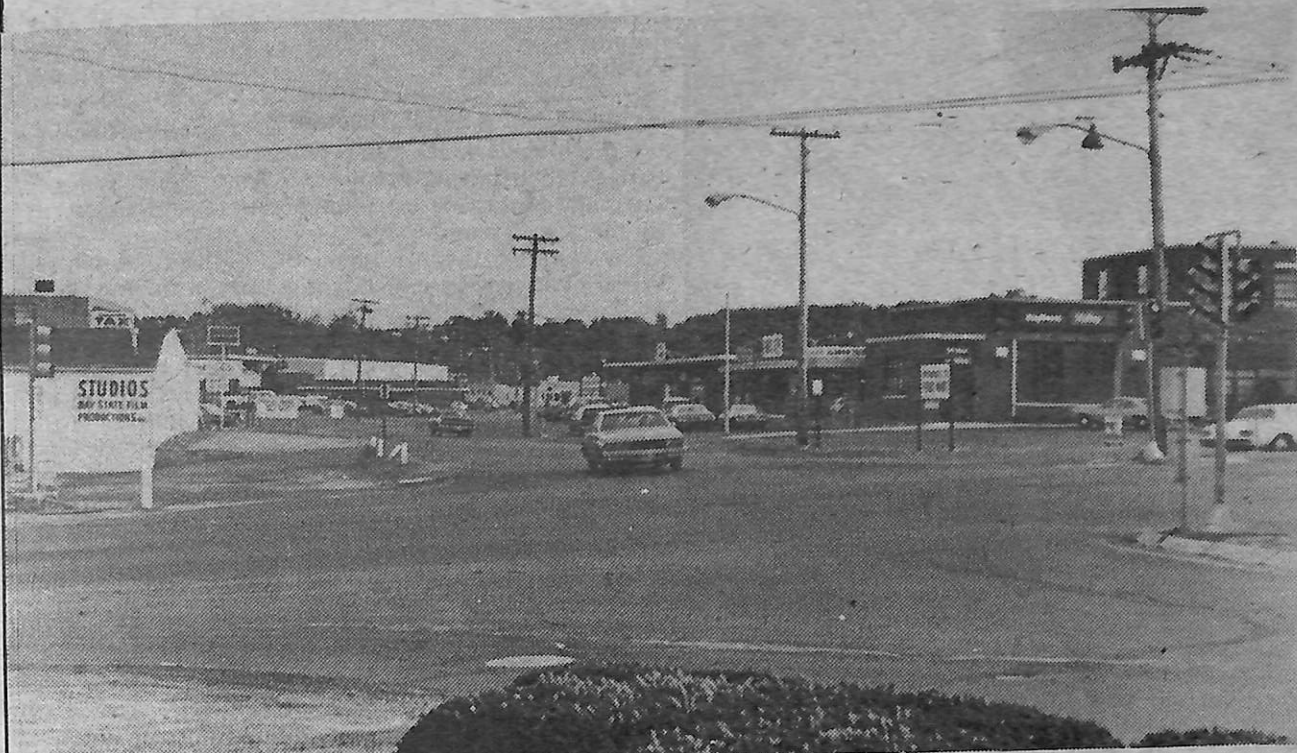
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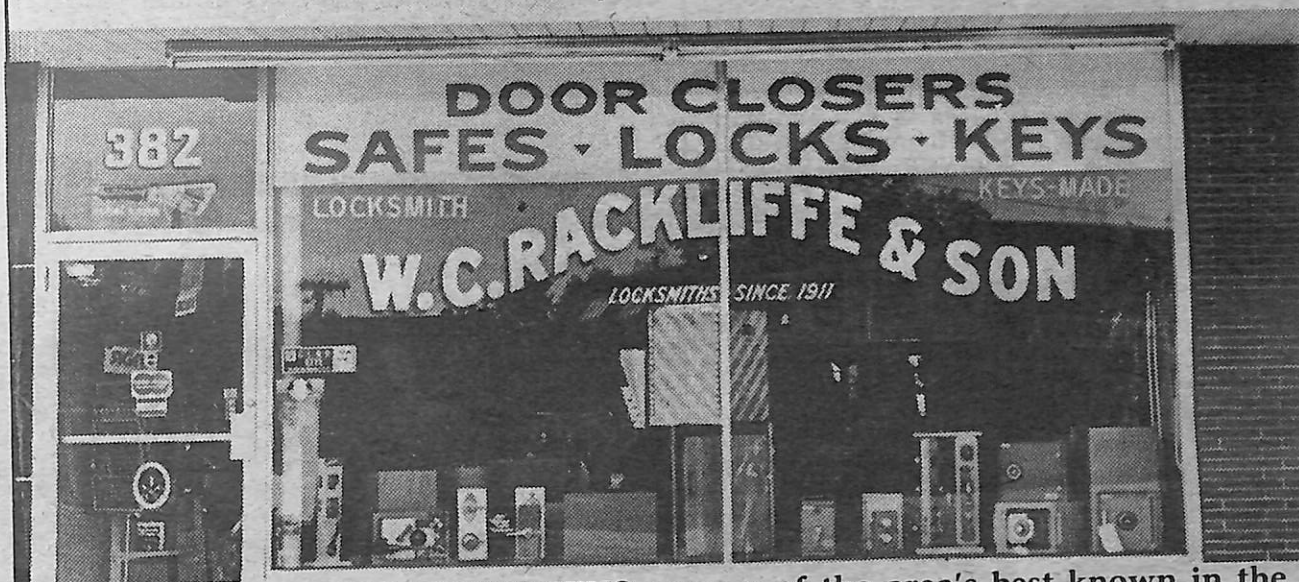
Stop And See What Walnut Street

By Rita W



A VIEW LOOKING DOWN INTO Walnut Street Extension where hopefully, betterments for the area scheduled for sometime next year will give merchants an added boost to sales. Photo by Jack Devine.

W.C. RACKLIFFE & SON LOCKSMITHS



RACKLIFFE AND SON LOCKSMITHS are one of the area's best known in the field. The store has been on Walnut Street Extension since 1964 and can solve just about any problem you may have concerning locks, keys, etc. Stop by and see what Rackliffe's can do for you. Photo by Jack Devine.



FRIENDLY'S AGAWAM, located just around the corner from Walnut Street Extension, is a popular place of good food for local residents. Photo by Jack Devine.

When my neighbor called and asked me if I wanted to go shopping with her, I said fine. She picked me up and said she hoped I didn't have to be back early as she had a lot of things to do and we'd be in Springfield, to several malls and more. I pinned her down to what she needed to do and had the perfect answer for her.

My friend's daughter is getting married and as the mother of the bride, she had plenty to do. I told her to drive down Walnut Street Extension in Agawam and we went from there.

Our first stop was **THE FABRIC STAR** where she was able to find some beautiful material for her gown to wear at the wedding. There were many lovely colors and types of fabric to choose from. She was even able to find a pattern that fit the idea she had in mind. But I wasn't surprised since she had McCall's and See n' Sew Butternick patterns to choose from. Lillian, the owner who has been in that location for a year now was able to assist with some helpful hints in sewing the dress.

Next on the agenda was **LONGMEADOW FLOWERS**. Brad Parker, owner and operator of Longmeadow Flowers, just opened this fourth store of his a month ago.

While it is the smallest of his stores, it is as full service as any of them. Brad has been in business for 25 years and runs one of the most comprehensive flower businesses around.

The Agawam store has a large selection of loose and arranged silk flowers which makes it nice for those of us who want to be creative on our own. One of the features I like is that they will deliver anywhere in Greater Springfield, Wilbraham, Holyoke, Westfield, even Connecticut. My friend had no problem arranging for all the flowers for the wedding, flowers for the church, for her home where the reception would be, bouquet for the bride and flowers for the bridal party.

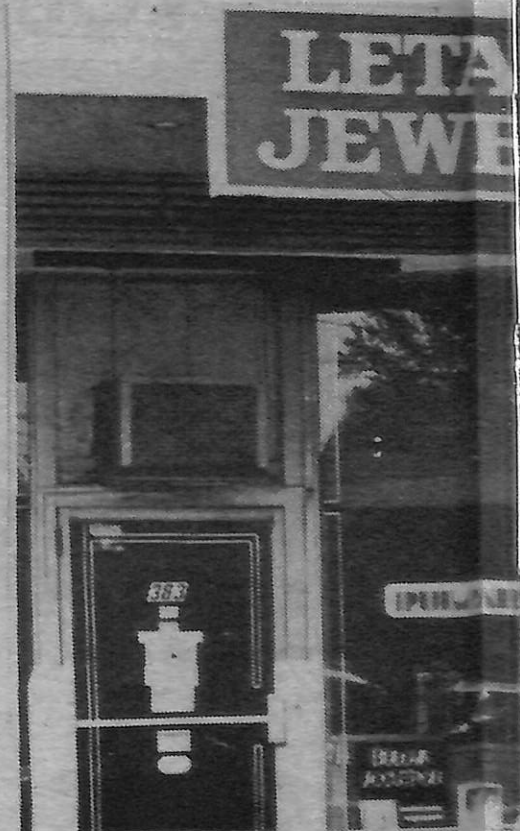
Next was a quick stop at the **HOURLASS CLEANERS**. With 22 years experience in the field, and with the approval of the Allied Tradesmen as being the best cleaning establishment in the area, my friend didn't hesitate to make arrangements to take her drapes and fine linens for cleaning before the reception. The Hour Glass Cleaners watchword is "quality."

The next stop on our journey was **RACKLIFFE KEYS**. This was my stop as I needed to have an extra house key made. I was really fascinated with the shop and the busybody that I am, had to ask some questions.

I think they must deal with every kind of lock imaginable. Whether it be automobiles, security dead bolts or even safes, they are prepared to handle it. The business is a family owned, operated one with the fourth generation now taking part.

Rackliffe Keys were originally in Springfield in 1911 and moved to Walnut Street in 1964. They stock over 1,000,000 key blanks and a nice thing for car owners to know is that they have many foreign car key blanks, not always an easy thing to find.

They do a lot of repair work, sell and service all of Western Massachusetts as far as the Mohawk Trail and even down to Glastonbury. They are open six days a week and are available for emergencies such as lock-outs. In talking with them, I learned that one of



LETALIEN JEWELERS, one of the merchants on Walnut Street Extension, has all types of jewelry on hand for you to see and see the professionals of Letalien. Photo by Jack Devine.

Street Extension Area Has To Offer

Rita White

the commonest mistakes people make, is moving into a new or different home and not changing the locks. Something to remember.

Our next stop was **GINO'S LIQUORS**. My friend has no idea how much liquor to buy, what wines to serve or where to find a special brand that one particular guest drank.

Well, we certainly went to the right place. Gino is more than happy to advise customers on quantity as well as quality and if there is something that is wanted that may not be in stock, he will get it. I even decided to order my keg of beer for the picnic. Gino's has been on Walnut Street since 1961 and it's another of those family owned and operated businesses, which is nice as they tend to be a little more caring.

From there it was on to one of the oldest stores on the street: **LETALIEN'S JEWELERS**. I felt perfectly confident in recommending that my friend shop there for gifts for the bridal party.

I have been shopping at Letalien's for years and have always been more than pleased with whatever I was getting, be it wedding gifts in pewter or silver, jewelry for family and friends, silver charms for my daughter, watch repair and of course a number of beautiful jewels I'd love to own such as pearls, opals, rubies and on. My friend had no problem finding the ideal gifts at Letalien's.

My friend and her husband had decided to give her daughter a washer and dryer for a wedding present and so what better place to go than **CENTRAL APPLIANCE**. Central has quality merchandise but their main forte today is service. They are particularly adept at repair to food waste disposals and dishwashers, two items many repair services are not prepared to handle. A lucky bride is one of receives a beautiful washer and dryer.

By now we are hungry and decided to give **PAM'S PLACE A TRY**. Pam's is owned by K-D Corporation and has been in business for about one year. It was a nice break. A glass of wine and a delicious sandwich. We could have opted for something more substantial like spaghetti, but had to think about supper later. The atmosphere is nice and people there are friendly, so Pam's Place we put on our list to try again.

When my friend checked her list of things to do, she found she had done them all and never left Walnut Street Extension. She commented that she could even have gone shopping for a girlfriend for her older son if she had visited **VIDEO DATING SERVICE**.

Intrigued by the name, we did at least find out something about it. As all dating services, the prime objective is to match people. A few differences here, however. Video Dating Service would like to cater more to older people, finding that they are perhaps more in need of some assistance in meeting people their age and in tune with their ways.

Instead of filling out cards and entering them into a computer as so many services do, this service interviews its clients on video film. That way, when someone is looking for that perfect someone to meet, they can not only find out what type of work they do and what their hobbies may be, they have a chance to see them and hear them talk about themselves. A little more personal and NO blind dates.

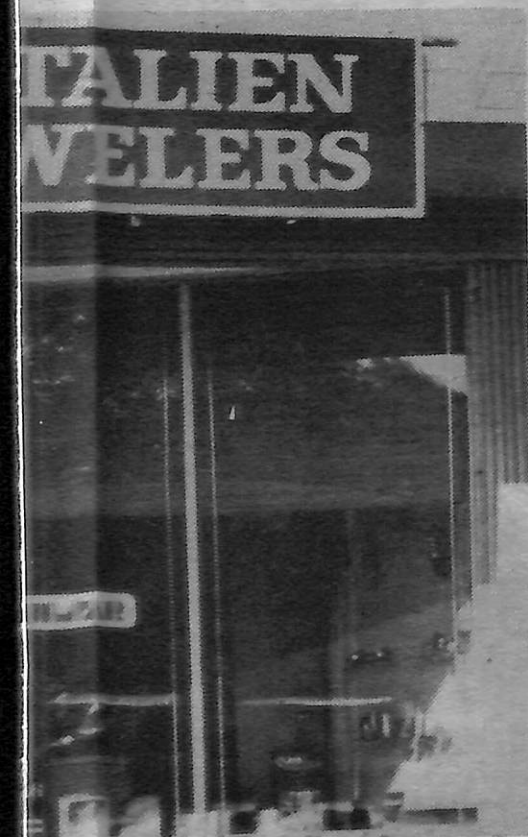
Well, it was a terrific day and I was home early enough to catch a soap opera. Not bad.



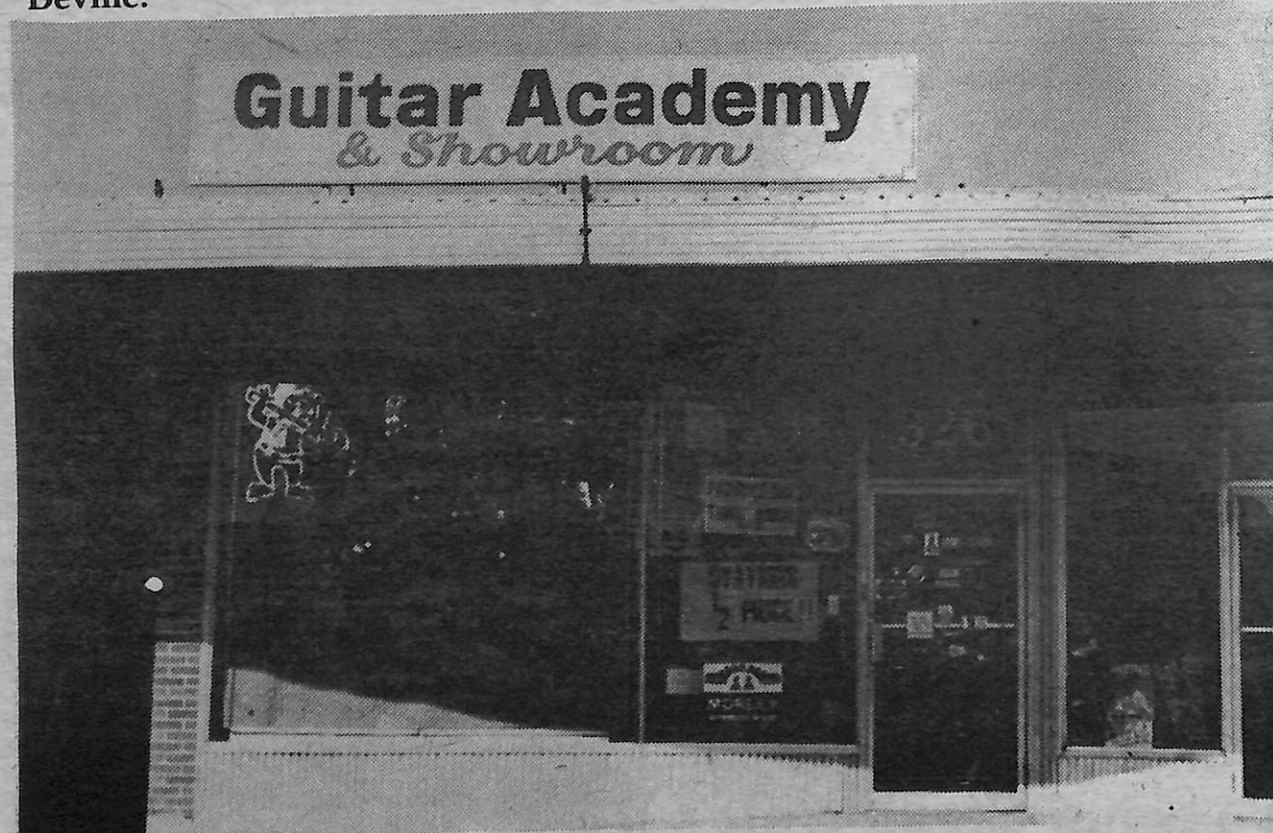
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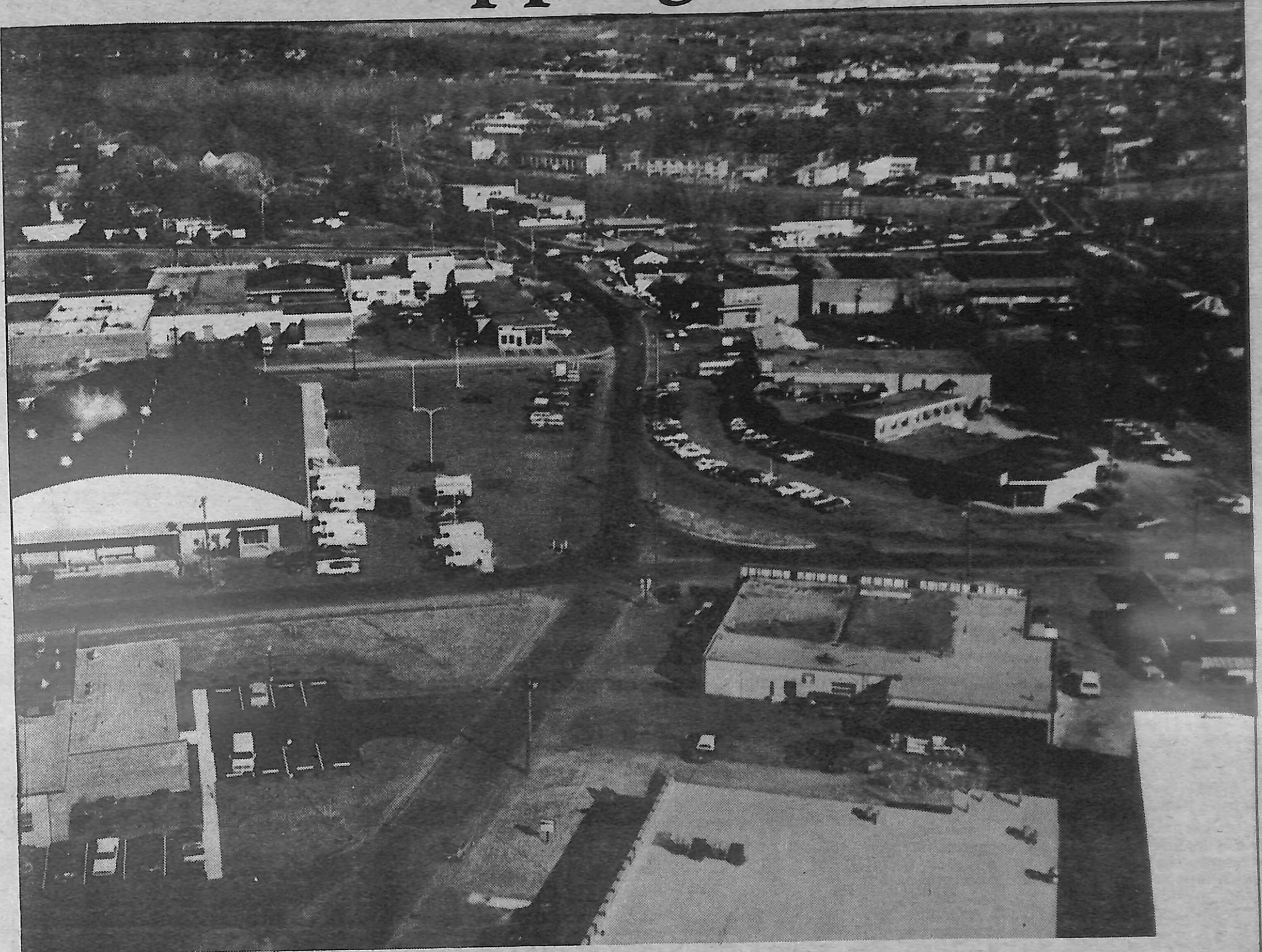


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GUITAR ACADEMY AND SHOWROOM on Walnut Street Extension. Stop by and see the friendly pro's at the store. Photo by Jack Devine.

Walnut Street Extension: Agawam's Very Own Shopping Mall



An aerial photo of the Walnut Street Extension area. Agawam shoppers have available to them many fine shops and merchants with fine quality at reasonable prices. Photo courtesy of Superintendent of Public Works John P. Stone.

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Chamber Salutes Walnut St. Area

By Raymond Pieczarka,
President, Agawam Chamber Of Commerce

The Walnut Street Extension area, with its wide variety of retail shops, restaurants, and other business establishments, is a major commercial neighborhood of Agawam and one which draws substantial business from the entire Greater Springfield market.

The Agawam Chamber of Commerce is proud to join with *The Agawam Advertiser/News* in its salute to the Walnut Street Extension businesses. Collectively, they make up a truly unique and thriving shopping area, one with strong impact on the economy of the town.

The Chamber, a young, growing organization, is pleased to be enfolded many more businesses from Walnut Street Extension into our membership and into our cause of developing the economic potential of Agawam.

We congratulate all of the honored businesses and their employees, as well as *The Advertiser/News* for paying tribute to Walnut Street Extension and its contributions to the life and economy of Agawam.

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Area Slated For Betterments - Soon!

The wait for over 3 years seems to be coming to an end, says Department of Public Works Superintendent John P. Stone. "With any kind of luck, maybe this can get moving in September."

Maintain Solid Footing

For merchants on Walnut Street Extension, Stone's hopeful optimism means good news, not only for them individually but as a collective group of commercial outlets attempting to maintain solid footing during these tough economic times.

The Urban Systems Grant, earmarked for intersection improvements on both the corner of Springfield Street and Walnut Street Extension, and at the Ramah Circle intersection, along with curbs and tree belt improvements spell only good for existing pot holes and seemingly endless pavement.

Funding delays and slow movement due to the massive network of federal red tape has kept Stone and Walnut Street merchants impatiently waiting for the much-needed relief.

First, the improvement to that much-hated intersection entering to and from the Food Mart Shopping Center will soon get new signalization with upgraded traffic ways to stop the now-familiar traffic jams and motorists cutting each other off while attempting to do their shopping.

This intersection also serves as the gateway to Walnut Street Extension merchants.

With the improvements at the intersection which provides motorists with only one entrance and exit into the Food Mart lot, "they can't play the cutting the corner game anymore," says Stone.

He observed, "Once we can better control the traffic situation at that intersection, then it will be a bonus for all merchants in the area."

Final Phases Of Approval

Once onto Walnut Street Extension, improvement plans, which are now in their final phases of approval by federal officials, will provide curbing and definition of driveways all through the commercial area.

Stone says there will be some planting of trees along the curbing to "get as much green in there as we can to make the area more attractive."

The confusing traffic island which leads to the Ramah Circle area and also serves as an outlet to Suffield Street (by proceeding up the hill to the Suffield Street exit) is slated for a 4-way intersection, thereby thwarting traffic from using the incorrect lane to get in or out of the heart of Walnut Street Extension.

"What we're hoping to do, and I certainly believe this will happen, is to create a safer and more attractive area for merchants," Stone says.

"Merchants are doing well down in the area now but with the improvements it will lead to more use of the merchants by people in the community and those who come from other towns too," he added.

The tentative timetable reads like this: if the federal reviews of drafts can be completed by September, bids for construction contracts can be issued immediately.

Once a contractor has been selected (this project is being handled by the state), construction could commence late next spring with underground work in the sewers being conducted by the town during the winter months.

"We really just have to wait for the plans to be finalized. We've been waiting long enough for this project to get underway, but anytime you are applying for federal and state funds, it takes plenty of time," Stone said.

Funding improvements are assumed completely by the federal government and state.

Inflation Factor

Cost for the project exceeds \$215,000, which certainly balloons as time progresses with the inflation factor figured in.

Can the sweeping budget cuts by the Reagan Administration bottleneck this long await project?

"The chances of this happening are remote," Stone quickly responded. "The money for this on the federal level comes from the highway gas tax. I haven't heard of any plans to divert this money which we have applied for to another area or for it to dry up before we can get access to it," Stone added.

Walnut Street Extension area merchants are keeping their fingers crossed and watching their windows for the first signs of the new project taking life.

Once underway, Stone says, "There will be some inconvenience to merchants as traffic may be congested and attempts will be made to ensure that merchants are not hindered by the construction process."

But as one Walnut Street Extension merchant put it, "I'd rather have a little inconvenience due to these improvements which down the road will be beneficial to us all."



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Four years ago a determined group of local residents and businessmen assembled with an idea: to establish, locally, for the benefit of all residents a credit union entirely owned and operated by its membership.

Today, the Agawam Community Federal Credit Union, located at 381 Walnut Street Extension, is that idea turned reality.

With assets approaching \$500,000, and with growth on the upswing, the Credit Union is open to all who live and work in Agawam and offer a variety of popular banking services.

Those services offered are: Regular Share Accounts; Share Certificates, including 6-month certificates with a minimum deposit of \$2,000; Traveler's Checks & Money Orders; Individual Retirement Trusts; Savings Insured to \$100,000; Life Insurance on Savings; Loans; Payroll deductions for Agawam businesses.

"Those who live and work in Agawam are more than welcome to come into our offices to sit and discuss monetary matters with our skilled and professional staff," says William Quinn, vice-president of the Credit Union.

"Our growth over the past few years has been most encouraging and we are fine reputation is becoming known throughout the community," he added.

The public is welcome to all Credit Union meetings, held at the Credit Union office every second Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m.

The Board of Directors for the Credit Union include: Attorney Richard Morassi, President; William Quinn, Vice-President; Edythe Chiba, Secretary; Raymond Wright, CPA; Jane Barrientos, Madeline Bitgood, Kenneth Blackmun, Attorney Alan Ferrigno, Mahlon Inman, Richard Orr, and Raymond Wright.

The Supervisory Committee includes: William Chiba, Ronald Hamel and Raymond Wright.

Agawam Community Federal Credit Union



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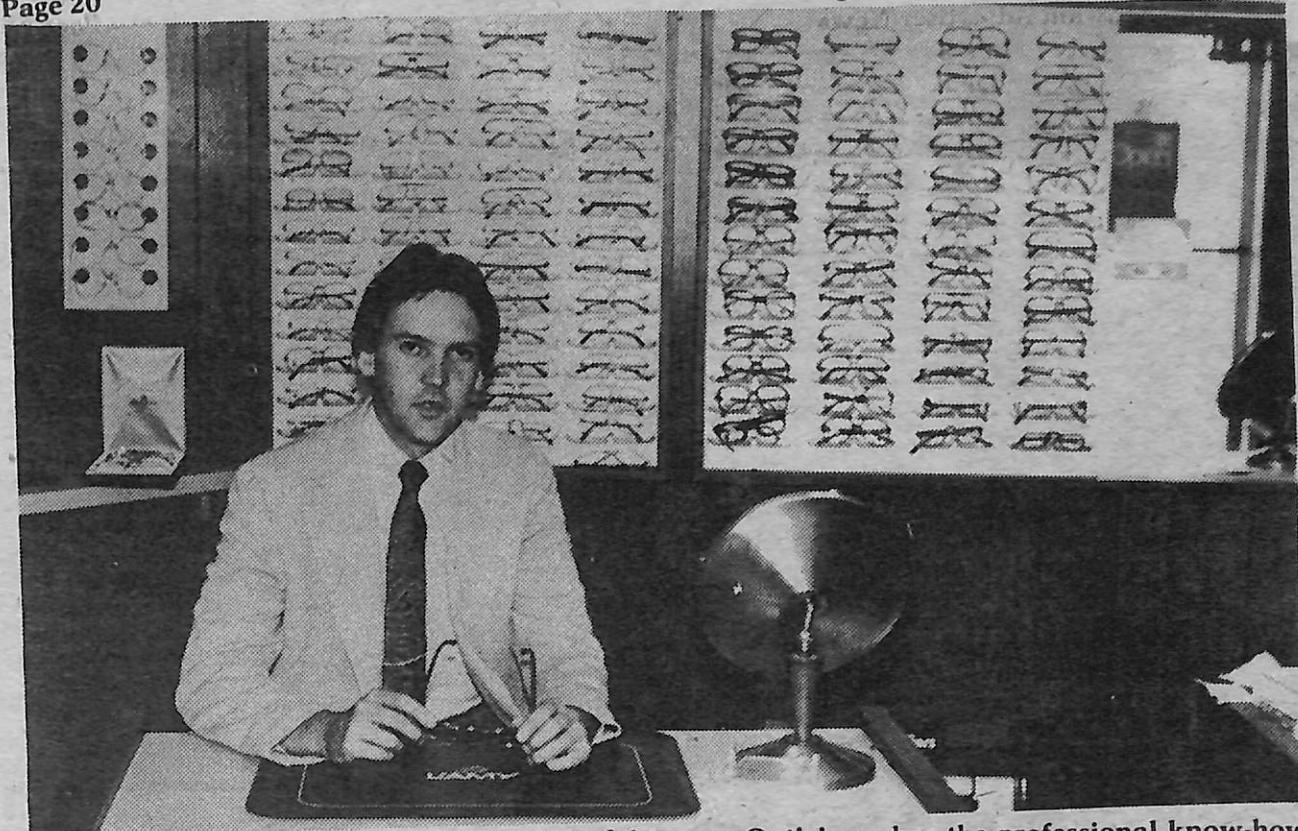
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Robert Vanderhoof, owner and operator of Agawam Opticians, has the professional know-how and the quality merchandise to keep you seeing day and night. Photo by Jack Devine.

Fashion Eyewear For The Family

By Penny Stone

So you've just found out you need glasses...and you're depressed. Well, you needn't be. Today's stylish frames and tinted lenses have become an intrinsic part of our fashion wardrobe and, if properly chosen and fitted, will enhance, rather than detract from one's physical appearance.

Agawam Opticians, located at 334 Walnut Street Extension, has been in the business of meeting your eyeglass needs for the past nine years, and they must be doing something right for business has been steadily increasing. At your service is Bob Vanderhoof, owner of the optical shop, and fulltime licensed optician, Carol Russell, who has been with the local store for the past two years.

Both Bob and Carol graduated from Worcester Industrial Technical Institute, School of Optics. Bob worked for Alony Opticians for two years prior to opening shop at the Walnut Street location. Bob's brother Mike also graduated from WITI and is presently managing Bob's Southwick store in the Grist Mill Plaza.

Bob has lived in Agawam for ten years and is planning to be here a lot longer. He is currently president of the Massachusetts Association of Opticians, and along with the two stores mentioned, he also owns the Plymouth Optical Store on Bridge Street in Springfield.

In addition to the store's reputation for offered affordable eyewear for the entire family, Bob is especially proud of the unhurried, personalized service they are able to provide their customers. Also the relaxing, comfortable atmosphere of the store combine to make selection of the most suitable eyewear a truly pleasant experience.

The current trend in eyewear is toward the nylon rimless frames, plastic lenses, and fashion tints. Photo-brown and photo-gray, sun-sensitive glasses are also still very popular. Sports and safety eyewear are also available. The new Izod line is very popular with golfers. Occupational bifocal and cataract lenses are made up as well.

With each pair of eyeglasses purchased, Agawam Opticians gives a written, unconditional guarantee for one year, which can be extended if the customer chooses that option. This is frequently done, notes Bob, especially with children's glasses.

According to the optician-owner, many people are not aware that their eyeglass prescription can be filled other than through their eye doctor. "A lot of local doctors refer their patients to us," adds Bob, "and we refer many people for eye exams."

Filling a single lens prescription takes about one to two days and bi-focals take about three to four days. "However, emergency situations can usually be handled in a day," says Bob.

Other little known services of the Agawam Opticians include nursing home and in-home visits for those who are confined, arrangements for eye exams for invalids, or for monoplex (glass) eyes through the American Optical Corporation.

The staff at Agawam Opticians are continually looking for ways to improve their fine service. They regularly attend seminars held on fashion and proper fitting; they take their service to those who cannot come to them; and, most importantly, they treat each customer like an individual with individual needs and concerns.

The Walnut Street store's wide selection of frames can be surveyed any weekday between 9:30-5:30; Fridays until 7:00 p.m.; and on Saturdays from 9:30-1:00 p.m.

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Classy Casuals Lives Up To Its Name

By Diana Willard

Upon moving to Agawam twelve years ago, one disappointment I had was the lack of clothing stores in town. Obtaining quality merchandise at reasonable prices usually meant excursions into neighboring communities.

The opening of *Classy Casuals* in February was a boon to all fashion conscious Agawam bargain hunters.

Located at 337 Walnut Street Extension in Agawam, *Classy Casuals* boasts several lines of designer clothing, guaranteed to excite even the most discriminating and discerning buyer. Calvin Klein, Jordache, Sassoon, and Anne French are only a few of the brands offered. And everything in the store is marked down a minimum of 30% - often more!

According to owner Michael DiDonato, the major difference between his establishment and other discount clothing stores is that all of his merchandise is first quality. There are no seconds or irregulars. In fact, the fashions at *Classy Casuals* could just as easily be found at Lord And Taylors and Macys.

DiDonato frequently combs the garment district in New York City. This activity serves a dual purpose. It keeps him aware of current fashion trends and provides access to choice buys for the store.

DiDonato is currently in New York on a buying trip for the fall line. Before leaving he expressed the sentiment that "quality garments with good cuts just don't go out of style." In accordance with this theory, one brand he would like to carry this autumn is Pendleton. Those of us with wool plaid skirts hanging in our closets from high school days know how accurate this philosophy is.

Although *Classy Casuals* carries both Junior and Misses sizes, right now Juniors seem to predominate. This situation is about to be corrected, with an enlarged Misses selection. Whether a Misses 8 or a Junior 9, the clothing offered at *Classy Casuals* lives up to the name of the store.

Stylish clothing, discount prices, and, just as importantly, a staff that is friendly and EAGER to please make *Classy Casuals* a welcome addition to Agawam's business community.



Marie-Claire Briggs of "Classy Casuals" has the clothes to make you a star. Photo by Jack Devine.

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Five year old Kevin Willard of Cooper Street raises his hand high for the popular "Freddie The Fresh Guy" of Wonder Bread. Photo by Jack Devine.



Another youngster who was well taken care of by "Freddie The Fresh Guy" was two year old Anthony Andrew Graling, who said Freddie was "my friend." Photo by Jack Devine.

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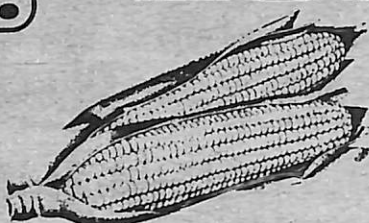
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AAA Team Standings

8-10 BOYS DIVISION AMERICAN DIVISION

Agawam Advertiser/News
Pelley Construction
Hamperden Fence
Agawam Lions Club
Stan's Soft Serv
Agawam Jaycees

NATIONAL DIVISION

Agawam TV Service
Colonial Funeral Chapel
Abbett Tax
Rocky's Acoustics
Provin Mt. Farms
Mushy's

10-12 BOYS DIVISION

Chriscola Farms
Polish Club
Century 21, Heritage Realty
Westfield Savings Bank
Food Mart
Agawam Police
Elks 2174

8-10 GIRLS SOFTBALL DIVISION

Jay-c-ettes
Agawam Firefighters
Elks 2174
Feeding Hills Florist
Feeding Hills Pharmacy
Heritage Hall

11-13 GIRLS SOFTBALL DIVISION

Polish Club
Valley Community Church
Agawam Lions Club
Catholic Women's Club
Kiwanis
Toomey-O'Brien

The Advertiser/News team beat Stan's Soft Serv 8-5 with Jeff Luttrell pacing the winners with three hits including two homers. Winnie Crenon struck out 13 and had two hits. Chris Corgan played great defense at three different positions.

A good all-around performance by Eric Brunley for Stan's was turned in along with G. Converse, who looked good in relief.

Coch Rich Emery of Agawam TV Service reports his team has won their first three games. The first game against Provin Mt. Farms was won 6-3 with Scott Fancly and Dean Proakis pitching well. Runs were scored by Matt Lawrence, Dean Proakis, Mike Keene, and Chris Mahoney. Jeff Jeanotte hit a 3-run homer.

Against Mushy's they won 22-4 with Aaron Vanderhoof and Jeff Jeanotte pitching. Turning in good fielding were Mike Keene and Dean Proakis. Scoring runs were Matt Lawrence, with a homer, /Shawn Emery, also with a homer, Dean Proakis, Jeff Jeanotte, Scott Fancly, David Champigny, David Pisanio, Aaron Vanderhoof, Chris Mahoney, Mike Keene, and Steve Simmons.

The TV men beat Rocky's Acoustics 19-7 with Shawn Emery hitting his second homer of the season. Homers were also hit by Dean Proakis and Aaron Vanderhoof. Chris Mahoney was excellent at catcher. Runs were scored by Matt Lawrence, Shawn Emery, Dean Proakis, Jeff Jeanotte, Scott Fancly, Aaron Vanderhoof, Chris Mahoney, Mike Keene, and Dave Pisanio.

In the 10-12 boys division, Chriscola Farms beat Century 21 with Mike Rugeri pitching his second complete game victory. Denis Punch and Jeff Govoni paced an 11-hit attack for Chriscola while Ron Geida and Bobby Aversa anchored the defense.

Chriscola went on to defeat the Polish Club behind the pitching debut of Gerry Allen. Skip Cone and Steve Milliken provided the offense with Ron Rindells and Dino Cichetti making good defensive plays. Joey Barrataldi had a good night in his first effort at catcher.

In the 8-10 girls division, Lori DeSimone pitched her second consecutive no-hitter for the Jay-c-ettes to lead against the Agawam Firefighters in a game eventually postponed due to rain. Tricia Rea hit a grand slam homer and drove in five runs for the game. Also hitting were Maureen Ciempa, Lynne Lepore, and Amy Barb'r. Cheryl Czepl performed well in the field.

Tracey Viens pitched well for the Firefighters and was assisted with excellent fielding from Linda Hebert, Kelley Erskine, and Jennifer Bonavita. The Jay-c-ettes took the decision in a rescheduled game due to forfeit.

In the 11-13 girls division, the Polish Club beat the Lions 13-9 with Gina Serra claiming the win as pitcher. Amy Vacirca tallied two hits. Alyson Murphy chipped in with three, and Colleen Wright got a triple for two RBIs. Dawn Goss also scored a run.

The Polish Club also beat the Kiwanis 11-8 against a tough Kiwanis defense led by Chris Kosinski. Colleen Wright led the Polish Club offensively with three hits, one a homer. Sophie Osenoski got two hits and scored two runs. Laurie Lacette stopped everything coming her way at shortstop. Patty Smith got her first hit of the season, and Natalie Longtin scored a run and played good centerfield.

The Catholic Women's /Club team beat Toomey-O'Brien 18-17. Outstanding base running by Cathy Landry and good play behind the plate by

Denise Dupont aided in the win as did cheering from the bench from Maria Lucia.

The Catholic Women's team later lost to the Lions Club in a game in which Judy Hurley and Cathy Landry were injured for a while but managed to come back. Carrie Viens played good leftfield position and was also strong at bat.

The Lions had good defensive plays and timely team hitting to chalk up their first win of the season.

Men's Softball League Standings

A DIVISION

Bay State Oilers 4-0
Showcase 3-1
Tri-County Sales 2-1
Marie Kane Realty 2-1
Dante Club 2-2
Loughman Tool 2-2
Buccaneer Lounge 1-2
Village Lounge 1-3
F.H. Public Mkt. 1-3
Agawam A's 0-3

B AMERICAN

Agawam Turners 3-0
Spartan Saw 3-0
Southgate Lounge 3-0
Agawam Moose 3-0
Elbow Lounge 3-0
Buccaneer Lounge 2-1
Willard Realty 2-1
Clean Machine 2-1
Jessica's 2-1
Silver Carriage 2-1
Agawam Legion No.185 1-3
Italian Sporting Club 0-3

B NATIONAL

Grimaldi Oilers 2-1
Pond/Ekberg 2-1
Insurance Center 1-2
Standard Uniform 1-3
Bay State Woodworking 0-1
Agawam J'Cee 0-3
R.A.B. Customs 0-3
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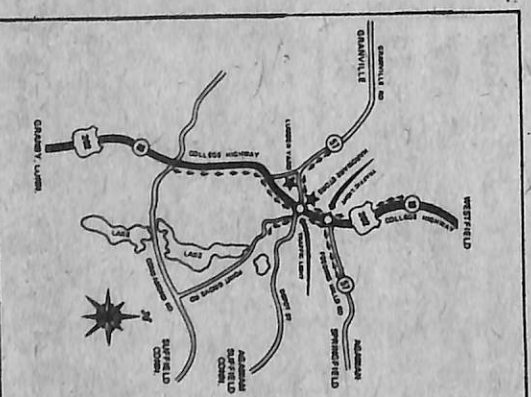
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Wendy Hughes (left) and Terry Spooner, owner and operator of Terese, an up and coming restaurant on Washington Street, just down the way from Walnut Street Extension. Photo by Jack Devine.

Terese's: A Family Restaurant

By Rita White

It is difficult today to find a nice family restaurant, one that is clean, attractive, has good food and, above all, is reasonable. Well, Agawam, you have one. When driving down Walnut Street Extension, keep on going and you can't miss Terese's Restaurant on the corner of Washington Street. I was surprised and very pleased to find it myself.

Terese's is open five days a week at 6 a.m. every morning for breakfast and at 7 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. If you happen to work the kind of job where you are looking for breakfast at 4:00 in the afternoon, you can still get it. When lunch time rolls around, there is a wide variety of sandwiches, grinders, and dinner specials to enjoy.

Currently the restaurant is only open two evenings a week. Thursday, when Terese features spaghetti and meatballs with salad and bread for only \$2.95, and Fridays, when the feature is fish & chips, all you can eat for \$2.95. That is pretty hard to beat.

Starting the first of June, there will be soft-serve machine so that you can get milkshakes, sundaes and cones. Then the restaurant will be open every evening until 9 p.m. There will be a picnic table outside for those who want to enjoy some fresh air while eating.

Theresa Spooner, owner and operator, was a waitress for 35 years and decided it was time to have her own place. She runs the restaurant with her son-in-law. Up until a month ago, they were doing it all themselves, but now they do have waitress service.

The Agawam Beautification Committee recently awarded the restaurant for being so clean and nicely decorated.

A special feature offered is a 10% discount to baseball teams, scouts and other groups.

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area's discriminating public has become aware of what the shop has to offer.

Besides a complete line of notions, Fabric Star sells McCalls and See & Sew patterns and, of course, a vast selection of domestic and imported fabrics.

Lillian and Betty who operate the store are both knowledgeable women

in the field of sewing and selling and are always willing to help the customers make the right choice.

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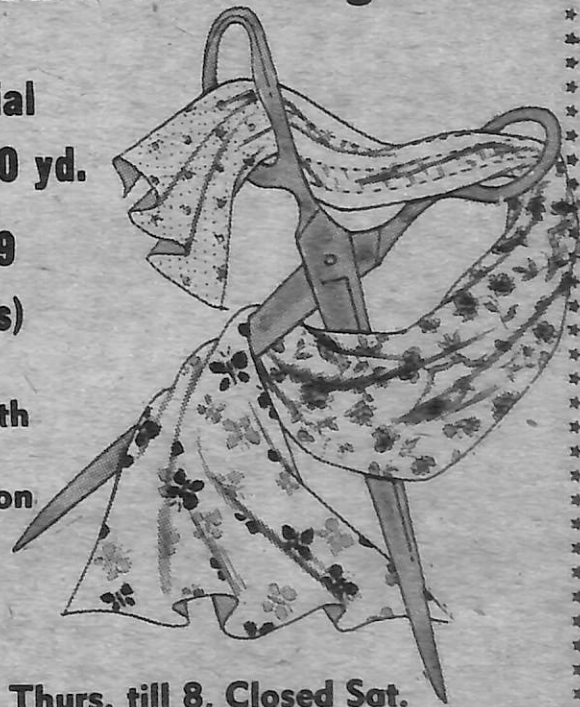
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This 'n That

Mary Poppins, get lost! The Mississippi House voted 76-43 to ban umbrellas at four state-owned college football stadiums. The bill's sponsors argued that umbrellas dripped water on those close by and impeded the vision of those in the rear. Rep. Barney Schoby asked if he could address a personal question to Rep. Keith McNatt, a chief supporter of the bill. Schoby was only allowed one question on the bill. "It's not really a personal question, so I'll ask it," said Schoby. "Are you out of your mind?" One question, but a good one.

Moving right along: The University of Massachusetts in Amherst will be banning coed washrooms next fall. Marjorie Lenn, director of residential life, said the ban had been sparked by increasing complaints from students and parents about "the morality of things." Arthur Clifford, a university spokesman, said coed bathrooms — though in use the last 10 years — have always been discouraged by the administration. "But students have always found them more convenient," he added. Who says?

Trees of a kind: The maple tree that Harry Truman planted in Ottawa has grown to height of 150 feet. John Kennedy's tree is almost 100 feet tall. Unfortunately, the maple planted by Richard Nixon has grown crooked with a bend to the left. I wonder if the tree that Ronald Reagan planted this year will lean to the right?

Carte blanche: The Pierce County sheriff's office in Tacoma, Wash., has been using a supermarket shopping cart to transport evidence around the County-City Building. According to Sheriff Lyle Smith, it was an oversight. The cart had been picked up in a resident's

back yard after a complaint that the store had not retrieved it. It "sort of fell into the fleet," claimed Smith. No excuses. Just the facts, please.

Check this one out: A check for a speeding ticket for \$30.50 — etched on a 40-pound slab of pink granite — was received by clerks in a Dover, Del., magistrate's court. The clerks were so impressed that they decided to pay the fine and keep the check as a memorial. Clerk Margie Nollette said, "We'll put fresh flowers at one end and a lighted candle at the other." Tombstone maker James McBride of Virginia posted the check through the mail to protest his ticket. Rest in peace.

Elegant Elsie explodes: Petite Elsie Collie, 36, and husband Bob, 51, walked into their Houston condominium recently to find a burglar carting off stereos, jewelry, guns and Elsie's fur coat. Seeing her fur coat about to be stolen incensed her. "This man just comes walking through the front door," Mrs. Collie recalled. "He just looked shocked when he saw us, and he ran. I was so mad I took off after him." Even wearing two-inch heels, Mrs. Collie caught the man in less than a block. She's a jogger. The 5-foot-3, 115-pound lady jumped on the man's back and with her husband's help, wrestled the man to the ground. Atta way to go, Elsie!

Shades of Orson Welles: Attorney Nick Belker was meeting with a client in his Louisville, Ky., office when an announcement came over the radio about a nuclear attack and the repeated statement: "This is not a test." The city's Civil Defense sirens went off. His client ran out of the office to find her children. The radio

warning turned out to be part of a fictional dramatization on a station owned and operated by The University of Louisville. The siren was a coincidence. Belker had to go before Circuit Court Judge Charles Anderson without a client and ask that a hearing be delayed "because of a nuclear war." Now tell me another.

The keeping game: "The English Gentleman's Mistress" by Douglas Sutherland gives advice on how a gentleman should treat his mistress and his wife. He should never give his mistress a gift more expensive than his wife's. He should never take his paramour to a public place that might embarrass his wife. A mistress must remain faithful. A wife does not have to. Sutherland's book laments that mistresses are becoming endangered species. Maybe the Equal Rights Amendment has something to do with that.

A bang-up job: A Webster, Mass., bystander called police after seeing a woman leave a wrapped package on top of a parked car and then speed away. Police called army demolition experts from Fort Devens. The specialists took the package to a detonation area and found that it contained fudge. How do you spell bombe?

COOLING OFF: A gunman ordered eight people into the beer cooler at Hoppy's Sportsman Lounge in Langdon, N.D., after taking money from the cash register. Elroy Enervold, a 250-pound customer, grabbed the intruder, took his gun, threw him against the wall and sat on him until police arrived. Said Enervold, "I sure didn't want to spend a night in the cooler." But the gunman did.

How do you stop a speeding car?: Wenatchee, Wash., Judge J. Kirk Bromiley has ruled that Rex Barham had no right to stop a car trespassing in his orchard by bringing a forklift down on the hood. The judge awarded Maurice Kinzebach \$103.33 for damage to his car after Kinzebach's son, Richard, 17, testified that he pulled into the orchard just to turn around. Barham contended that the car was speeding through the field and he wanted to contact authorities. He wanted to know, "How was I to get the license number?" Obviously, another way.

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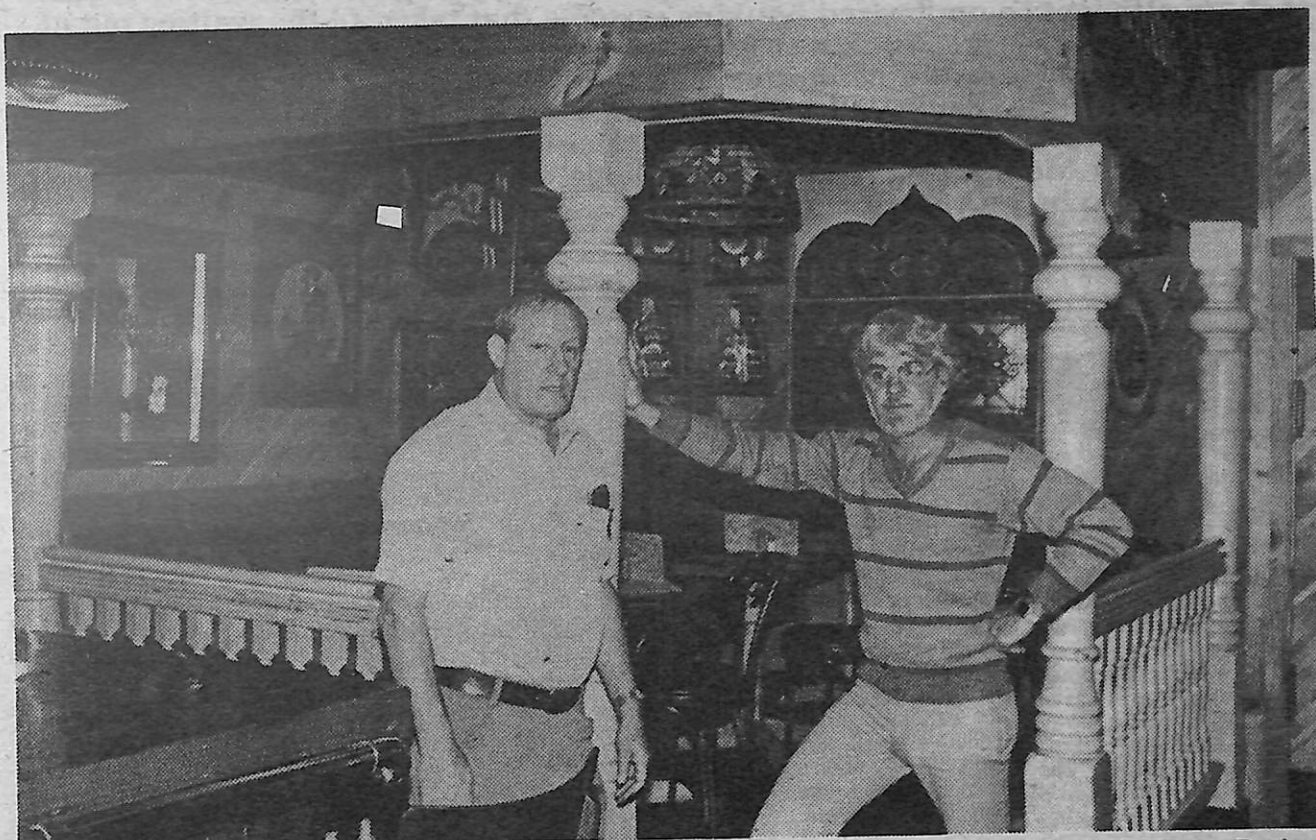
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OWNER AND OPERATOR ERNIE LOMBARDI of J. W. Wimpy's proudly shows off his solid oak, hand-carved bookcase that was made around 1840. Ernie found the gem in an old Springfield mansion. Photo by Jack Devine.



BROTHER ALDO LOMBARDI, Ernie's right-hand man at J. W. Wimpy's (left) and owner Ernie play watchdogs over the "Gazebo" a quaint seated section of the popular eating and drinking restaurant on Walnut Street Extension. Photo by Jack Devine.



THE MANY SMILING FACES FOUND at J. W. Wimpy's, who are ready to serve you from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. seven days a week are, left, Debbie Abair, Louise Jackson. Right are Pam Sullivan, Mary O'Neill and Sandy Vanotti. All of these lovely ladies are familiar sights at J. W. Wimpy's and add to the overall atmosphere of the ever popular deli-style restaurant, called Agawam's most popular place of good food, good talk and good drink. Photo by Jack Devine.

A Word About Wimpy's

By Steve Gazzo

The highlight of Walnut Street Extension, now the talk of the town, is the eye-catcher and palate-pleaser known as J.W. Wimpy's, one of the area's most popular eating places and a fine spot for a quiet chat with friends.

Brighten Anyone's Day

Inside, a delectable menu and a dreamlike decor - the brainstorm of its 48-year-old owner Ernie Lombardi - take second place only to the many smiling faces bound to brighten anyone's dreary day.

"When I first opened, I had no idea it was going to be such a success," Lombardi says. "It's gone far beyond my wildest imagination."

Today, Wimpy's is Agawam's goldmine. Open just three years ago, it has rocketed to area-wide notoriety with its "fresh fruit combos," "seafood crepes," and "who could resist desserts." Along with the good food go the super drinks, such as frozen daiquiris, pina colodas, and originals like "Aldo's Italian Cream," a rich blend of Venetian Cream with a dash of white creme de menthe that is as sweet and smooth as they come.

The magic of this success story is owing primarily to Lombardi's imagination and experience. He has been a restaurateur nearly 25 years. It took him a good part of that time to amass the army of antiques, collectibles, and tempting dishes that set the stage of Wimpy's unusual ambience.

Take, for instance, the back bar. Lombardi says he searched all over the country before ending up with perhaps his most precious find from an old mansion in Springfield. It's a solid oak, hand-carved bookcase that was made around 1840, now used to house fine spirits instead of books.

Church Pews

The bar itself used to be the floor of the now-defunct Old Worthy Mill in Agawam. You'll also find church pews that were salvaged from a fire in the old Methodist church on State Street in Springfield, as well as original stained glass work by Steve Strattos of West Springfield. The glass itself was imported from Italy. The tin ceiling in the dining room came out of an old office building on Dwight Street, Springfield.

Most of the offerings on Wimpy's menu, which changes every six months to accommodate seasons and innovations, is the result of Ernie's travels.

Right now, the fresh fruit combo is featured as it's just coming into season. It consists of a half pineapple filled with fresh slices of banana, cantaloupe wedges, orange slices, and plump strawberries with a generous portion of cottage cheese.

Wimpy's also serves daily specials and soups that change each day. Some of these include stuffed shells with meat sauce served with fresh green salad; eggplant parmigiana; turkey dinners; stuffed flounder; and a special quiche of the day. Prices average around \$3.95 for the specials.

Since Lombardi has added "Wimpy's Burger" to his menu, he has found an ever-increasing family business. Currently, there's enough space for 120 patrons, but there are plans to expand in the near future.

Surprise Dessert

Ernie tells interested patrons to keep their eyes open and their stomachs ready for a surprise dessert to be coming out soon. You'll have to guess what it might be.

With all of this good food and fine decorum comes the most precious element of Wimpy's - its people. Though the clientele is drawn from all over, Lombardi says, he does about 75% of his business with people from town. On any given night, you might find a town or school official or an old friend taking in a relaxed evening of good cheer. If you don't know anyone, the friendly waitresses are sure to make you feel at home.

To boost the town spirit, Wimpy's now holds a golf tournament once a year at Oak Ridge Country Club in Feeding Hills. Lombardi also sponsors a bowling team, a girls softball team, and a little league baseball team.

If you've never been to J.W. Wimpy's, then you're not living it up in Agawam. The new bumper stickers, "J.W. Wimpy's is making it in Agawam," tell it all.

Wimpy's is located at 365 Walnut Street Extension and is open seven days a week, 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. The kitchen closes at 12:30.





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Retail Offered At Wholesale Prices

By Penny Stone

Agawam's "Soda & Pet Food City," a unique store located on Walnut Street Extension, is ever-changing and growing. What started out five years ago as simply "Soda City," a retail store selling all brands of carbonated beverages at wholesale prices, soon added dog and cat food to its list of discounted items.

As the good word spread and the inventory grew, so did the store itself. Renamed "Soda & Pet Food City," the store now occupies approximately three to four times the original car wash area and houses the recently-acquired "Pinky's Pampered Pets" shop as well.

Although the name and physical appearance of the store have changed over the past few years, the courteous staff and quality of their service have remained constant. Generally speaking, you wait on yourself in a store of this type, but should you need assistance, the young men who work here are happy to help out, making suggestions when asked and carrying large items to the counter for you. Dave Ratner, owner of the expanding store, or the store manager John Houle are always there with a smile, ready to help in any way.

Soda & Pet Food City presently carries a large quantity of all brands of soda at discount prices. All the well-known brands, including Coke, Canada Dry, Weight Watchers, etc., as well as their own brands are available. Many "regulars" to the store purchase a case of 12 quart-sized bottles of Silver Spring soda in a variety of flavors for a mere \$3.99, plus the initial deposit on the case and returnable bottles. This is a very popular item which comes in handy for large families, parties, and unexpected guests. Again, Dave's able-bodied staff will gladly carry your purchase to your car.

If smaller quantities are what you want - fine. There are no minimum quantities here. The customer buying a few cans of soda is welcomed and treated as well as the one stocking up on cases. The same is true of the store's pet food supplies. They can be purchased in 12 or 24-can cases at considerable savings, or bought singly, if desired. Many well-known brands of dog and cat food are stocked.

In addition to the great buy on soda and pet foods, this Walnut Street store carries a full range of cigarettes at the lowest legal price allowed. So, whether it's for Fido's next meal, Saturday night's mixers, or to get the best buy on smokes, why not include Agawam's Soda & Pet Food City on your shopping route real soon?



Soda and Pet Food City employees Danny Butler and John Houle take a few cases of beverage to a customer's car. It never fails - Soda City is a great buy and you don't have to carry your cases to the car! Photo by Jack Devine.

Hey - A Discount Pet Store

By Penny Stone

Anyone who owns a pet they love probably feels it should be pampered...at least a little. Pinky's Pampered Pets, adjoining the Soda & Pet Food City store on Walnut Street Extension, carries a variety of small pets just waiting to be pampered along with supplies for your pet's every need.

Browsing through the shop, you'll see tanks of tropical fish, including many unusual varieties; a selection of fine-feathered friends, namely parrots, parakeets, conures, cockatiels, and finches; hamsters; gerbils; guinea pigs; and, of course, adorable little kittens and puppies.

Being the only full-line discount pet store in the area, Pinky's carries ten gallon aquarium set-ups from \$19.99 and up, fish food and accessories, bird cages, animal carriers both large and small, leashes, how-to

books, medicines, shampoos, and colognes. There are Habitrails (small animal housing) from the starter to the deluxe set including circus or carnival sections. There are all kinds of cat furniture - tunnels, ponies, climbers, and rests, as well as scratching posts and two-story condos.

However, the truly pampered pet will not be seen out this spring without his dog boots on to protect his furry paws from rain, mud, and burrs. Another fun item is the doggy T-shirt, each with an appropriate saying. These are worn so doggy won't get overexposed at the beach.

If your pampered pet has the run of the neighborhood, perhaps what your newly-planted lawn needs is Pinky's "Doggie Dooley." This easily-installed container is put into the ground and when

chemicals are added, it acts like puppy's own septic tank! Yes, it chemically converts solid waste into liquid and helps keep your yard free from animal waste - safely, conveniently, and efficiently.

My favorite, however, is the store's "Kitty Whiz Transfer System." This gadget actually toilet trains your feline and eliminates the need for troublesome litter boxes and supplies! You've got to see this one to believe it!

So whether you're shopping for a bird cage cover, an effective flea soap, or a small animal to share your love, Pinky's Pampered Pets, the only full-line discount pet store in the area, is worth looking into.

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Buy Wholesale And Save

By Penny Stone

If you're planning to do any redecorating this spring, don't burn too much gas before stopping in at Agawam's newest business, the Wallpaper Warehouse Factory Outlet, Inc., located at 348 Walnut Street Extension across from Wimpy's restaurant.

Store owner Alan Pratte and Operations Manager Robert Marulli have combined their seven years experience in wholesaling all major brands of wallpaper with their knowledge of other aspects of retailing to create the local wholesale-retail decorating outlet. Their past experience as suppliers of well-known area stores enables them to buy direct, take advantage of manufacturer's overruns, etc., and to pass the savings on to the customer. "However," Pratte quickly adds, "we don't buy any seconds here. Everything we sell is guaranteed first quality."

About 75% of the outlet's ample stock is wallpaper and wallpapering supplies. "We offer a little bit of everything, from the bargain papers to the elegant grass cloths," says Pratte. These papers are effectively arranged on shelves in the center of the spacious store in an organized fashion. Aisles between the rows of shelving and some categorizing as to general characteristics of the wallpaper offer the customer freedom of movement and a sense of direction at the same time.

For instance, aisle number 4 may hold papers that are scrubbable, strippable, vinyl, and pre-pasted. "Getting into more precise labeling of types and styles of papers can cause difficulties," comments Pratte. "For example, wallpaper which I consider colonial in style, you might not, and vice-versa."

All along the left side of the large store are 18 vignettes - three-sided displays where the customer can visualize how certain patterns will look together or how various effects and moods can be produced through wallpapering.

One specially designed section of the 6,500 square foot store area is set up as a "practice area" where the novice paper hanger can learn "how to" wallpaper around corners, trim around window frames and obstacles, etc. This service, as with any advice, is free for the asking.

Numerous wallpaper books, plenty of "elbow room," and the able assistance of decorator Barbara Canata help make selection of "just what you were looking for" as easy as possible. If this isn't enough, the Wallpaper Warehouse Factory Outlet offers this sales' policy: "All wallpaper is guaranteed first quality. Special orders are 30%-50% off regular book price and in-stock wallpapers are 33 1/3%-70% off regular book price."

In addition to full line of wallpapers, photomurals, and Marimekko coordinating fabrics, the WWFO carries a complete line of California paints, "the brand most contractors prefer," Pratte adds. Stain and Wood Preservative, textured paints, ceiling paints, custom paints, adhesives for all types of wallpapers, and a wide variety of paperhanging and painting accessories are available at discount prices as well.

Following the outlet's Grand Opening last week, store manager Steve Witkowski looks forward to seeing many new faces in the near future. On Thursday, May 28th, in fact, Red Sox fans will have the opportunity to meet Bill Campbell, who will be at the Walnut Street store signing autographs.

The public is also invited to come in and sign up for the free monthly "Paper Hanging Clinics" which will begin in June.

For the convenience of the working population, the Wallpaper Warehouse is open Wednesday through Friday until 9:00 p.m.; Monday and Tuesday until 6 p.m.; and Saturday until 5:30 p.m. The staff encourages you to shop locally, "buy wholesale and save!"

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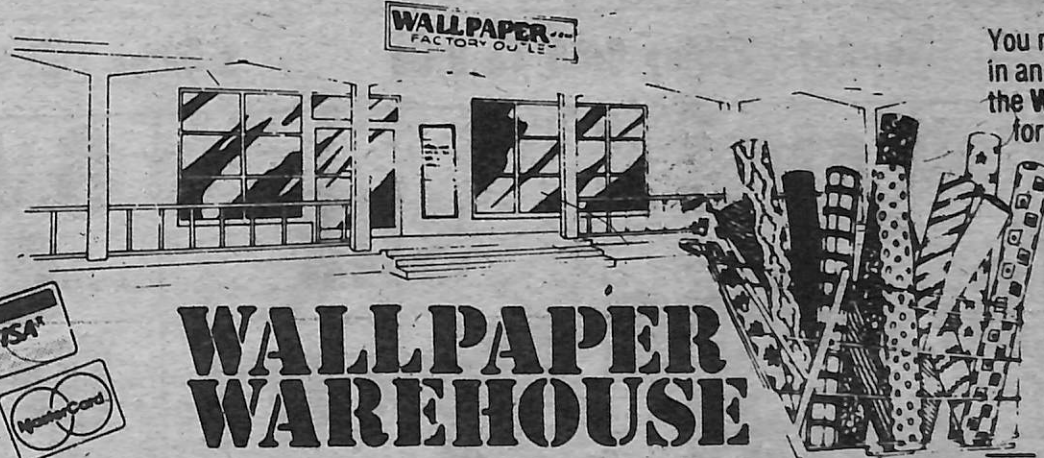
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